The Ministries of Education and Training, Colleges and Universities have been working collaboratively on a new research initiative called Life After High School, aimed at increasing the transition to postsecondary education amongst Grade 12 youth.

We have contracted with the Social Research and Demonstration Corporation (SRDC-www.srdc.org), a nationally-recognized non-profit research organization with 20 years experience to deliver and evaluate the project. The researchers will be contacting approximately 75 secondary schools across the province with high proportions of students who could benefit. If schools in your board are being considered for this initiative, you will be receiving a memo shortly identifying the schools and providing further details.

At the conclusion of the in-school component, SRDC will analyse data and compare changes in postsecondary enrolment at the subject schools with those at the control schools to determine the effectiveness of the program. SRDC will also analyze implementation successes and challenges to aid the design of future programming. Results (anonymous with respect to the schools) will be shared in 2014.

Following is the media release: http://news.ontario.ca/tcu/en/2011/06/helping-students-prepare-for-life-after-high-school.html For further information please contact your Ministry regional office manager or Audrey Cartile (416) 326-0552 audrey.cartile@ontario.ca, Student Success/Learning to 18 Strategic Policy Branch.
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