MEMORANDUM TO: Director / Secretary - Treasurer
Hospital-Based School Authorities

FROM: Claire Corinthios
Director (A)
Education Statistics and Analysis Branch

DATE: June 23, 2016

SUBJECT: 2016-17 School Year Managing Information for Student Achievement (MISA) Local Capacity Building (LCB) Funding for Hospital-Based School Authorities

Further to the Ministry of Education’s March 24, 2016 memo regarding Grants for Student Needs (GSN) Funding for 2016-17 (2016:B06), I am pleased to provide your hospital-based school authority with the 2016-17 MISA LCB Funded Activity Report template and supporting documents.

To further balance reporting requirements while continuing to support ministry core goals and priorities, funding for the MISA LCB program will be transferred to the GSN in 2016-17. Should you undertake activities that build capacity to use quality data, information and evidence, funding will be allocated through the existing expense recovery funding process in place for hospital-based school authorities.

The MISA LCB program will continue to support the important work led by MISA Leaders in school boards / authorities in sustaining and advancing local capacity to use quality evidence by targeting funds in at least two of the following priority funding areas:

- Build and sustain capacity by continuing work on high priority common core activity(s) to achieve/maintain level(s), as set out in the MISA Common Core Capacities Continuum (January 2006).

- Create more collaboration at the classroom, school, board, and/or Professional Network Centre (PNC) level(s) in activities related to identifying, analysing, implementing, monitoring, and/or evaluating improvement strategies/initiatives.

- Promote prioritized availability and usability of information for end-users (e.g. teacher, principal, superintendent), while having regard for privacy protection.

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Data quality management projects that will improve the timeliness, accuracy and completeness of school board data/information submitted through the Ontario School Information System (OnSIS).

In light of the important role that your authority’s MISA Leader can fulfil in helping to build capacity to use quality data, new information and evidence, I ask that you please:

- Advise whether you require a MISA Leader change in your board / authority, as the ministry will continue to consider the MISA Leader copied on this memo, to be the primary contact for the 2016-17 MISA LCB program. Please see the recently updated Role of the MISA Leader (June 2011; Revised April 2016) for more information on this position.

- Support your MISA Leader in facilitating the submissions of the 2016-17 MISA LCB Funded Activity Report (see attached). The ministry will monitor progress and identify promising practices by collecting information on MISA activities through this report. The report can be submitted via email to Aimee.Chang@ontario.ca by August 31, 2016 and June 15, 2017

Should your staff have any questions, please have them contact Eric Ward, Senior Manager, Program Management and Stakeholder Relations Unit, ESAB at (416) 325-8159 or Eric.Ward@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your ongoing leadership and support of MISA.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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NOTICE:

Certain of the plans and proposals set out in this memo can take effect only if regulations are made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council under section 234 of the Education Act. Such regulations have not yet been made. Therefore the content of this memo should be considered to be subject to such regulations, when and if made.
Attachments

- 2016-17 MISA LCB Funded Activity Report
- Role of the MISA Leader (June 2011; Revised April 2016)
- MISA Common Core Capacities Continuum (January 2006)
- 2016-17 Managing Information for Student Achievement (MISA) Local Capacity Building (LCB) School Year Funds General Information
- Role of the Professional Network Centre (April 2016)

c. MISA Leader