MEMORANDUM TO: Principals
FROM: Ben Levin
Deputy Minister
DATE: March 24, 2009
RE: School Information Finder

Dear Colleague,

As you may have heard, there will soon be a new tool available on the Ministry of Education website.

Parents will be able to use the School Information Finder to search for schools in a variety of ways, view a profile of any publicly funded school in the province and compare the data for up to three schools at a time.

Each school profile contains information about student achievement, the student population, class sizes (primary only) and the school itself. Each profile will also include links to the school and school board websites (where available), so I encourage you to make sure your websites are up to date and contain valuable information for parents.

You can preview the site at this temporary URL: http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/spf/.

This will allow you to prepare for any questions from parents about the information related to your school.

Until we officially launch the site at the end of the month, please do not share the link with others, outside of school and school board staff. After launch the new tool will be accessible from the ministry’s homepage.

If you believe that any information presented about your school is incorrect, please e-mail: info@edu.gov.on.ca.

Sincerely,

Ben Levin