MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities
Program Superintendents of Education
Principals of Secondary Schools
Principals of Elementary Schools
Principals of Provincial and Demonstration Schools
Principals of Inspected Private Schools
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DATE: March 8, 2010

SUBJECT: Revisions to PPMs 134 and 146 to Support French as a Second Language in English Language Schools
Ontario Student Transcript (OST) Manual 2010 (Revised)

The Ontario government is committed to supporting and recognizing the achievement of all students in the acquisition of both official languages. The attached revised Policy and Program Memoranda No.134 and 146 outline changes for secondary schools that increase flexibility and options for students to create personalized pathways based on their interests and needs within graduation requirements that continue to maintain high expectations and standards for all students. These changes include an increase in the number of credits in French as a second language that a student in an English-language school may count towards their compulsory credits and the addition of a grade 9 locally developed course in French as a second language to the courses that English-language boards may develop locally and offer to their students. These policy changes are effective in the school year 2009-2010 and align policies in French as a second language in English-language schools with policy currently in place for English in French-language schools.

In order to assist schools and boards in presenting this information to parents, students and teachers, we have updated and attached a copy of the poster, “What do you need to graduate?” to reflect the changes that are effective in 2009-2010. Copies of this updated poster are available on the ministry website at http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/extra/eng/ppm/graduate.html. Additional print copies are available through Publications Ontario www.publications.serviceontario.ca.
The Ontario Student Transcript (OST) Manual, 2007, has also been updated and posted on the ministry website to reflect these and other changes including the addition of a “P” notation on the OST when recording credits earned at an inspected private school by a student registered in a publicly funded school. Attached you will find a chart which summarizes all the changes to the OST Manual.

The resource document, *Education Policy and Program Updated to June 30, 2009* is also being revised to reflect all policy and program changes since June and the updated version will be available on the ministry website in early March.

I encourage you to share this information with appropriate individuals within your boards and schools, including student success leaders. If you have any questions, please contact the ministry office in your district.

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Enclosures (4)

c. EDU Regional Managers