MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education, District School Boards
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RE: Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)

In our ongoing efforts to improve our precision in monitoring student participation and achievement in programs, we are introducing the capability to track the achievement of students who participate in the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP). This program provides opportunities for grade 11 and 12 students to participate in co-op placements in an apprenticeship trade/occupation while enrolled in a secondary school cooperative education program. OYAP is an important component of our efforts to increase the number of youth who obtain their OSSD as well as to increase the number of youth who wish to explore apprenticeship training as their postsecondary pathway.

A new flag in student management systems will enable data to be collected from schools for students participating in the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship program starting in the OnSIS October 2014 submission for the 2014-15 school year. Please note that specific OnSIS requirements will be communicated to student management system (SMS) vendors once approval is received.

Please share this information with the appropriate staff. If there are questions, please contact Phil.Hedges@ontario.ca.
Thank you for your ongoing support of Student Success.

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