MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education  
Secretary/Treasurers of School Authorities

FROM: Nancy Naylor  
Assistant Deputy Minister

DATE: May 7, 2008

SUBJECT: Enhanced funding for adult education programs

I am writing to inform you of the proposed allocation of the $7M funding increase, first announced in August 2007, for adult education programs through the 2008-09 Grants for Student Needs (GSN). In March 2008, Memorandum 2008: B2 – Education Funding for 2008-09 indicated that these details would be forthcoming, and the Ministry is now planning to proceed with the allocation.

As stated in the memorandum 2007: B9 – Enhanced education funding for 2007-08 and 2008-09, this $7M in additional funding will be allocated by raising the per-adult-student amount in the Continuing Education and Other Programs Grant to $2,880. This new benchmark will be reflected in the Revised Estimates forms for 2008-09.

It should be noted that the information in this memorandum is provided in advance of the release of a regulation to amend the regulation which governs grants to school boards within their 2008-09 fiscal year. The initiatives and investments described herein must be implemented by, and are conditional upon, the approval of such a regulation by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. The Ministry intends to seek approval for such a regulation and will advise you if it is approved.

If you require further information about funding for adult education through the GSN in 2008-09, please contact Dave Christie, Transfer Payments and Financial Reporting branch, at (416) 325-2048 or Dave.christie@ontario.ca.

This $7M increase in the GSN is part of Ontario’s commitment to providing a wide range of educational opportunities to meet the needs of adult learners. School boards are important partners in achieving this goal, and we look forward to working with you to ensure that Ontario has the best adult education system possible.

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