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

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SUBJECT: Provincial Symposium for Student Success Leaders
June 11-13, 2008

We are pleased to advise you that we are hosting our third 2007-2008 Student Success Leaders Symposium on June 11-13, 2008 at the Toronto Eaton Centre Marriott. This Symposium plays a crucial role in supporting the Leaders and receiving their input on the Student Success initiative.

We would like to invite you, your Student Success Leader, a superintendent or colleague who works closely with the SSL, and a principal who is focussed on improving student achievement and reducing the achievement gap within his/her school. Boards with 20-50 high schools may invite one additional principal and Boards with more than 50 high schools may bring two additional principals. Student Success Leaders will receive a separate invitation that includes the on-line registration details and agenda.

The symposium theme is Leading School Improvement with a focus on Effective Leadership. On the first evening, a panel of Directors of Education facilitated by Barry O’Connor will share their stories on building system leadership and their successes in improving student achievement and closing the gap. On the second day, Deputy Minister Steve Marshall will address effective leadership for school improvement, the core priorities of the Vision Paper Energizing Ontario Education, and set the direction for 2008/2009. There will also be discussions on next steps for the Annual Action Plan, the continuum for Differentiated Instruction and Transitions, OSS and using data to lead school improvement.
As was done in previous symposia, we will feature a “Promising Practices” interactive workshop session reflecting our focus on *Effective School Leadership*. Student Success Leaders have received proposal applications and are encouraged to submit their applications soon. These workshops will be led by Student Success Leaders and Principals.

To register for the symposium, please contact katherine.lee@ontario.ca. She will give you the on-line registration instructions. To register for a hotel room at the Marriott contact 1 800 905 0667 and mention that you are with the Ministry of Education Student Success Initiative.

Thank you for your continued support of this important initiative.

Sincerely,

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    Regional EOs  
    Student Success Leaders