MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education

FROM: Elizabeth Harding
       Director
       Policy and Program Branch

DATE: May 7, 2009

SUBJECT: Reporting on Programming for Expelled and Suspended Students for 2009-10

In light of changes to the Education Act concerning programming for suspended and expelled students, the Ministry intends to make some modifications to OnSIS that will capture student participation in these programs.

These changes will allow schools to capture data about students benefiting from programs for expelled and long-term suspended students in OnSIS. Capturing data such as the number of students attending and completing programs for suspended and expelled students as well as the types of non-academic supports that students are receiving will give the Ministry a clear picture of how the programs are working. Staff have been working with their counterparts at the Education Statistics and Analysis Branch who will be working with your vendors to ensure that the appropriate modifications are made to your software in time for the 2009-10 school year.

As you are aware, the funding for programs for expelled and suspended students will be incorporated into the Safe Schools Supplement in the Grants for Student Needs; boards will continue to be required to report on this initiative as per the GSN reporting guidelines.

Following my memo to you on August 6, 2008, a similar memo and template will be distributed soon regarding the reporting on board usage of safe schools funding for 2008-09, along with more detailed information on the changes in OnSIS and your data collection systems.

If you have any questions please contact Nick Laurella at (416) 325-7749 or nick.laurella@ontario.ca

Sincerely,

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