The Ontario Young Travellers Program (OYTP) was designed to encourage teachers of Grades 7 and 8 in schools in Northern Ontario to plan a visit for their classes to the Ontario Legislature in Toronto and other cultural attractions in the provincial capital.

I am writing today to advise you that, for the 2011-12 school year, your board is eligible to receive up to $3,540 to support students in making a trip to Toronto to visit the Ontario Legislature and other cultural attractions. Should demand for participation in the program exceed the funds allocated to your board, please be advised that the ministry may award additional funds should demand in other school boards be lower than expected. Once subsidy amounts have been finalized in early 2012, your board will be notified of its final allocation and asked to sign a Transfer Payment Agreement with the ministry.

A copy of PPM 60A, *Ontario Young Travellers Program: Visits by Students from Northern Ontario to the Provincial Capital*, which provides details about the program and includes the application form, is attached. The PPM is also available on the ministry website at: [http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/extra/eng/ppm/ppm.html](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/extra/eng/ppm/ppm.html). In addition, please find attached a list of schools in your board that are eligible for the program and copies of the application form and schools list that can be completed electronically.

Please submit your application and prioritized list of schools to Mary Fairhead, Program/Policy Analyst at Mary.Fairhead@ontario.ca by November 30, 2011 and note that late applications will not be accepted. Should you have any questions about the Ontario Young Travellers Program, please contact Mary Fairhead, Policy/Program Analyst, at 705-725-7161 or 1-888-336-3392.