School Improvement Project Objectives

The project is designed to encourage and support school self-assessment processes that include both quantitative and qualitative evidence. A specific goal is to build capacity in using qualitative evidence to determine actions that ensure continuous improvement in adult and continuing education programs. Successful proposals will address one of the following objectives:

1. Better understand the type of students who access adult and continuing education programs (e.g., learner profiles based on available demographic data)
2. Demonstrate how continuing education supports the graduation rate of high school students (e.g., flexible pathways for regular day school students enrolling in summer/night school)
3. Demonstrate how continuing education programs support pathways for adult learners (e.g., earning credits through PLAR for mature students)
4. Identify factors that enable adult learners 21 and over to return to school to complete a high school diploma and/or transition to postsecondary education. (e.g., survey adult learners and analyze data to determine what factors influence their decision to return to school)

Up to 15 selected school boards will receive $8,000 to support the implementation of their project.

Project Deliverables

- submission of the application form by the deadline and signed off by senior administration
- the principal/administrator and one key staff member (i.e.: board researcher, superintendent, or project coordinator) attend an orientation session, scheduled for Tuesday, November 2 in Toronto (expenses to be covered as per Ministry guidelines) that will include:
  - an overview of provincial projects
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- information on the use of qualitative data in the Adult and Continuing Education school improvement planning process
- the development of the project work plan
- information regarding updates and reports

- provide an interim update and final report to the project lead
- collect, document and analyze the data as outlined in the work plan
- attend a CESBA pre-colloquium event to share project results (expenses to be covered as per Ministry guidelines)

Criteria for Selection

- application submitted by due date of 4 pm October 20, 2010
- school board agrees to contract with CESBA for the deliverables as outlined above
- project aligns with one or more of the 4 goals stated in the project objectives
- use of some data currently being collected and reported to OnSIS is required
- approved by board superintendent or director
- project builds capacity of school boards to use data in setting SMART goals for school improvement that supports learner pathways

Selection will be made by Monday, October 25. The process of selection will ensure an equitable distribution of projects exists, and that the OnSIS - School Improvement Project objectives are successfully met.