MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education

FROM: Richard Franz
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DATE: October 6, 2010

SUBJECT: Adult & Continuing Education OnSIS-School Improvement Project

I am writing to advise you of an opportunity for up to 15 selected school boards to participate in the Adult & Continuing Education OnSIS-School Improvement Project. Successful applicants will receive up to $8,000 to support the costs associated with implementing their project.

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)

Please forward the attached Application Form and Call for Proposals with selection criteria to the appropriate staff. Deadline for submission of a one-page proposal is by 4 pm October 20, 2010. All proposals require signed approval from either the director or superintendent responsible for adult and continuing education programs. Successful applicants will be notified by October 25, 2010.
The ministry is funding the Ontario Association of Adult and Continuing Education School Board Administrators (CESBA) to manage this project. Please note that successful applicants will be required to attend a full day orientation session in Toronto on November 2, 2010.

For further information about this call for proposals, please contact Jonathan Brown, Education Officer, Student Success/Learning to 18 Strategic Policy Branch at (416) 325-4718 or by email at jonathan.brown@ontario.ca.

Thank you.

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