MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Supervisory Officers and Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities

FROM: Barry Pervin
Assistant Deputy Minister
Instruction and Leadership Development Division

DATE: September 10, 2009

SUBJECT: Implementation Phase of the Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy, Policy/Program Memorandum No. 119 (2009) and the Guidelines for Policy Development and Implementation

As part of the Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy, the Ministry is committed to providing training and tools to support boards as we enter the implementation phase of the Strategy.

As you may recall, the Ministry recently released the following three documents: Ontario’s Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy; Policy/Program Memorandum, No. 119 Developing and Implementing Equity and Inclusive Education Policies in Ontario Schools; and the Guidelines for Policy Development and Implementation.

We are pleased to convene the first meeting on October 6, 2009 to present an overview of the three documents. Boards are invited to have the individual responsible for equity attend the meeting. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for discussion amongst the equity representatives from each board and regional office.

The meeting will be held by videoconference. Board representatives are invited to participate in the videoconference from your respective Ministry Regional Office. Boards within the North Bay/Sudbury Regional Offices are invited to participate in the meeting at the Sudbury Regional Office location.
The schedule for the videoconference, which will last approximately two and a half hours, includes:

- Videoconference for English-Language Boards - **9:30 a.m. – noon**
- Working lunch for both English and French Language Boards - **12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.**
- Videoconference for French-Language Boards - **1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Please have the representative for equity, from your board, confirm his/her participation by **September 18, 2009** with the education officer in your region. A list of the education officers, responsible for equity, from each region is attached for your reference. If your board’s equity representative is unable to attend the meeting, please designate another person to attend for your board.

The October 6 meeting will be followed by a two-day meeting in Toronto on October 20 and 21, 2009 for various topics related to Safe Schools and Inclusive Education, including Safe Schools legislative requirements related to PPM 144 and PPM 145 and antiracism.

All travelling costs will be covered by the Inclusive Education Branch according to ministry guidelines and travelling expenses should be submitted to respective regional offices. Please contact the education officer, responsible for equity, at your regional office if you have questions.

Thank you for your collaboration and commitment to equity and inclusive education. We look forward to working with you as we continue to implement the Government’s Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy.

Sincerely,

Ruth Flynn
Director, Inclusive Education Branch

Attachment

Cc: Regional Office Managers
   Board equity contacts