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

FROM: Elizabeth Harding
Director
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Ruth Flynn
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DATE: September 22, 2009

RE: Safe Schools and Inclusive Education Training – Further Details

We are writing to provide further direction to the memo of July 3, 2009 regarding Safe Schools and Inclusive Education Training.

As you are aware, the training session for the Toronto, Ottawa, and Barrie regions will be held on October 20, 2009, and the session for the London, North Bay/Sudbury and Thunder Bay regions will be held on October 21, 2009. A French language session will be held on October 20, 2009.

The Ministry has also invited representatives from the teachers’ federations, education support workers’ unions and principals’ associations to the training sessions.

We will be training on the new safe schools legislative requirements (Keeping Our Children Safe At School Act, 2009); requirements relating to the revised Policy and Program Memoranda (PPM), 144 and 145; and an overview of Ontario’s Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy, and the revised PPM 119, Developing and Implementing Equity and Inclusive Education Policies in Ontario’s Schools, 2009. Antiracism training will also be provided.

Each board is invited to send up to three representatives which should include: the Safe Schools contact, an Equity and Inclusive Education contact, and one other board staff member (e.g. a principal or a training consultant). Board costs associated with attending this training will be reimbursed as per Ministry guidelines.

The sessions will be held at the Delta Toronto Airport West, 655 Dixon Road, Toronto, Ontario. If you have not already done so, please let us know the names and titles of your three representatives. In order to receive the government rate and be reimbursed for the cost of the hotel, you must book rooms online at: http://www.deltatorontoairportwest.com/0910minist.
Following this, boards will be responsible for organizing and delivering the Safe Schools and Equity and Inclusive Education training through a one day face-to-face training session for school teams - one team per school (one principal or VP, one teaching staff, one non-teaching staff) by the end of November 2009. Board costs associated with the training of school teams will be reimbursed per Ministry guidelines.

Please let us know the dates and locations of your school team training sessions once you have made the arrangements. We would appreciate receiving these details as soon as possible. Please send this information to Anusha Tikaram at Anusha.Tikaram@ontario.ca.

Once school teams have been trained, they will be expected to provide in school training for all school staff before February 1, 2010.

Thank you,

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  c: Ministry of Education Regional Office Managers