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**MEMORANDUM TO:** School Board Directors of Education

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**SUBJECT:** Release of the common educational standard for the Personal Support Worker (PSW) program

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We are pleased to report that the development process of the common educational standard for the Personal Support Worker (PSW) program is complete. The common PSW standard has been developed through a comprehensive consultation process across the province and will promote consistency in education / training outcomes across all educational institutions offering the PSW program (school boards, Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology, private career colleges).

All educational providers must now map their PSW program curriculum to the common educational learning outcomes as set out in the Vocational Standard of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Personal Support Worker program standard <http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/pepg/audiences/colleges/progstan/health/supwork.html>. The expectation is that the standard be implemented in September, 2015.

School boards that offer the PSW program through Adult and Continuing Education programs, and school boards that offer a PSW program through the Specialist High Skills Major program, are requested to take steps to ensure that application of the Vocational Standard to their PSW program occurs in time for the 2015-16 school year.

Please note that the “Generic Employability Skills Standard” and the “General Education Standard” within the program standard are specific to college programs and are not a requirement for school board programs.

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