MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Secretary Treasurer, James Bay Lowlands School Authority
Director of Provincial Schools Branch
Supervisory Officer of Centre Jules-Léger

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DATE: September 25, 2015

SUBJECT: Expansion of the innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship (ICE) training in Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) programs in 2015-16

On the first day of school, the Minister made an announcement about the SHSM and Dual Credit programs for 2015-16. Here is the press release for your information:

Ohio Expanding Specialist High Skills Major and Dual Credit Programs

The purpose of this memo is to provide you with information and dates related to the expansion of innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship (ICE) training for SHSM students in the 2015-16 school year. It is also an invitation to implement ICE training for all Grade 11 SHSM students in your board. The 2015 provincial budget committed $1M to support the expansion of the ICE training for more students in SHSM programs.

The ICE training in SHSM programs will allow students to understand the world from the perspectives of others, generate new ideas, and give students the confidence to develop strategies to implement and sustain their ideas while considering the impacts and consequences their innovation has on the world around them.

The goal is to expand ICE training to two programs per school board and have some boards volunteer to pilot ICE training in every SHSM program. This third year of the pilot will enable the Ministry to gather more feedback from the field to finalize the policy direction to prepare for full implementation of ICE in SHSM programs in 2016-17.
To expand ICE training in SHSM programs and build training capacity, the Ministry will use a two phased approach. The first phase will be aimed at training two teachers per board to deliver the ICE training in two additional SHSM programs.

To support phase one, the Ministry of Education has organized a provincial board lead meeting as well as a series of regional training sessions:

- Provincial board leads – September 22\textsuperscript{nd} (half day) and 23\textsuperscript{rd} (full-day), Toronto
- Regional training sessions:

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School boards will receive $25 per student receiving the fall training, as well as funding to cover the in-service expenses for release time, travel and accommodation for teachers.

In addition, the SHSM ministry team will be offering local training sessions in October and November for teachers in school boards who volunteer to do a full implementation of the ICE training for all Grade 11 students in all the board’s SHSM programs. If your board is interested in full implementation (having all Grade 11 SHSM students trained on ICE), please complete and sign the appendix and email by October 2 to Sudeshna Dutta (sudeshna.dutta@ontario.ca)

The second phase of expansion will be aimed at training teachers in March and April 2016 in every SHSM school to prepare for a full ICE implementation in the 2016-17 school year. In February 2016, school boards will receive funding to train at least 1 teacher per school as well as funding to develop ICE sector partnerships. The SHSM Ministry team in partnership with board leads will facilitate regional training sessions across the province. Information on funding and training dates will be communicated in early January.

If you require further information or assistance, please contact Sudeshna Dutta, (416) 325-2508.
Thank you for your on-going commitment to support success for all students. We look forward to working with you on this important endeavour and to hear about the successful practices in your schools.

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c. Board Lead for SHSM
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I confirm that my board will fully implement ICE training for Grade 11 students in each SHSM program in the board in 2015-16.

Name: 
Board: 
Signature: 
Date: 

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