

MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Secretary Treasurers of School Authorities

FROM: Don Young
Director, Information Management Branch

DATE: July 9, 2007

SUBJECT: MISA Memo 30
OnSIS Update

This memorandum is to provide you with an update on OnSIS progress and to alert you to a modest extension in the OnSIS collection schedule.

I am pleased to report that boards are making significant progress in their data submissions to the ministry. Many boards are now submitting their March data and are moving steadily toward meeting specified reporting timelines. Appendix A provides a regional overview of progress to date.

As referenced in our last communication, the ministry has taken steps to improve the responsiveness of the OnSIS system and we also continue to consult with board staff to provide support and assistance.

Notwithstanding best efforts by all, certain boards have asked for some leeway concerning the July 31st deadline for submission of June secondary school data. To that end, we have extended this deadline to August 14, 2007. Boards that do not meet this deadline will still receive partial funding up to September 17, 2007. Please note that all other deadlines remain the same, as outlined in the revised collection schedule in Appendix B.

Boards have made considerable strides in the establishment of infrastructure and the cleansing of data. This has required a major work effort over the current transition period that should be reduced on a moving forward basis. In this regard, we would encourage boards to continue to share effective data management practices that will help to ensure sustainable capacity into the future.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support of the MISA initiative.

Sincerely,

Don Young
Director

Attachments

- cc. MISA Leaders
 - Superintendents of Business
 - Director, Communications Branch
 - Director, Field Services Branch
 - Director, Transfer Payments and Financial Reporting Branch
 - Director, Corporate Finance and Services Branch
 - Regional Managers, Field Services Branch
 - MISA Advisory Committee members
 - Assistant Deputy Ministers
 - Chief Student Achievement Officer & CEO, Literacy & Numeracy Secretariat
 - CIO, Community Services I&IT Cluster
 - Director, Business Solutions, I&IT Cluster
 - Executive Assistant, Deputy Minister's Office