



MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Safe School Coordinators-
District School Boards

FROM: Gerry Treble
London Regional Office

DATE: April 13, 2007

SUBJECT: Safe Schools Information Session

We would like to invite up to two (2) people from your board to a regional information session on *Successes and Challenges in Providing Programs for Suspended or Expelled Students*, to be held at the *London Convention Centre*, 300 York Street on **Wednesday, April 25, 2007 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** The purpose of the session is to bring together all of the board Safe Schools contact people from our region to share successes, challenges, and strategies to overcome these challenges.

As you know, the Ministry of Education has provided funds to a number of school boards to expand programs for suspended or expelled students (*The Model Projects to Promote Positive Student Behaviour*); the Ministry has retained the services of Parker Management Consulting Inc. (PMC Inc.) to review the success of 20 of these model projects.

We would particularly like to hear from school boards in our region about their experiences with providing programs and services to suspended or expelled students. A conversation about your successes and challenges will be very helpful.

The interactive session will be facilitated by PMC Inc and it will focus on:

- the sharing of effective practices to providing programs and services to suspended or expelled students
- a discussion of barriers to providing such programs and services
- the identification of strategies that have worked to overcome these barriers

We expect that this session will be helpful to all of us in our work within the Safe School Strategy. We invite you to bring forward information that will be of interest to other boards in our region.

Please confirm your attendance at this session by contacting Jim Martin by e-mail: jim.martin@ontario.ca or by calling 519 667-1440 ext 240 or 1 800 265-4221 ext 240 by *April 20, 2007*.

We hope that your board can participate in this session, and look forward to your reply.

DIRECTIONS:

- Follow Wellington **Road North** exit (#186B) off **HWY. 401** and remain on Wellington Road to downtown London.
- You will pass under the railway tracks just before **York Street**.
- Turn **right (east) off of Wellington on to York Street**, the London Convention Centre is located on the **north side of York Street**.
- Parking is available on the South side of York Street; the entrance to the underground parking is located on the east side of the London Convention Centre.