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

FROM: Paul Ménard, Regional Manager

DATE: April 13, 2007

SUBJECT: Safe Schools Information Sessions

I 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 Holiday Inn Hotel, 1696 Regent Street, Sudbury (705-522-3000) on April 20, 2007 from 9:30 to 11:30. The purpose of the session is to bring together all the Safe Schools Coordinators 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*); it 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 Bill O'Hallarn at (705) 497-6890 or toll free at 1-800-461-9570 x 6890 or by e-mail at bill.o'hallarn@ontario.ca by Wednesday April 18th.

I hope that you can participate in this session, and look forward to your reply.

Paul Ménard
Regional Manager