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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Directors of Education  
Supervisory Officers and Secretary-Treasurers of  
School Authorities  
Director of the Provincial Schools Branch  
Supervisory Officer of Centre Jules-Leger

**FROM:** Avis Glaze

**DATE:** December 15, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Schools on the Move: Lighthouse Program – Phase 2

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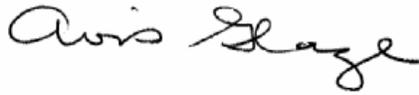
In spring 2006, the Ministry of Education launched Phase 1 of *Schools on the Move: Lighthouse Program* to support district school boards, families of schools and individual schools in networking and sharing examples of successful practices. The twenty-three schools selected to participate in the initiative represent the linguistic, religious and geographical diversity of Ontario. *Schools on the Move* are making student achievement gains, often in challenging circumstances, and are inspiring all of us with their belief that children in all communities can achieve success. In Phase 1, there was a *School on the Move* in every region of Ontario.

These schools are exciting places to learn because the teachers and principals are using collaborative enquiry to deepen their professional know-how as they focus on learning for all students. In teaching literacy and numeracy, these schools use assessment to differentiate instruction, strategically target the acquisition and use of resources, and ensure that programs engage and develop students. They partner with parents and their community and are willing to develop relationships beyond their own school to talk about what worked and why, and to share what they have learned with others.

We look forward to inviting forty more schools to participate in Phase 2 of the initiative. In January, Student Achievement officers (SAOs) and superintendents with school responsibilities will confer on the recommendations. They will discuss the schools that are using evidence-based practices in literacy and numeracy to close the gap in student achievement and to bring about greater equity of outcome for all students. After these discussions, recommendation forms will be completed and forwarded to the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat for consideration by the Selection Committee. A team from The Secretariat will visit the selected schools by April 2007.

As we continue to focus on meeting the needs of all students across Ontario, I would like to thank you for your support of this important initiative. Judith Taylor, Team Leader for Capacity Building, is the Secretariat contact for Schools on the Move: Lighthouse Program initiative. Please do not hesitate to contact her at 416.326.1464 or at [Judith.Taylor@ontario.ca](mailto:Judith.Taylor@ontario.ca) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Avis Glaze". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Avis Glaze  
Chief Student Achievement Officer & CEO  
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EDU District Office Managers  
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