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TO: Directors of Education and School Authority Supervisory Officers

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SUBJECT: Trustee Orientation Seminars

The Ministry of Education, in partnership with the four provincial trustee associations and the Council of Directors of Education, is hosting regional orientation seminars for newly-elected and returning school board trustees. A memo of invitation and registration forms will be forwarded to you directly after the November 13th board elections. In the meantime, I would like to provide you with the following information on the dates, locations, and focus of the seminars.

Each of the one-day seminars will focus on the student achievement agenda. The dates and locations for the training seminars are as follows:

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| ▪ Wednesday, November 29 | Ottawa | Travelodge Ottawa West |
| ▪ Friday, December 1 | London | Four Points Sheraton |
| ▪ Tuesday, December 5 | Barrie | Holiday Inn West |
| ▪ Thursday, December 7 | Thunder Bay | Valhalla Inn |
| ▪ Thursday, December 14 | Sudbury | Holiday Inn |
| ▪ Monday, December 18 | Toronto | Radisson Admiral
Harbourfront |

The seminars will be presented in a bilingual format, and will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end by 3:15 p.m. This should allow most participants to travel to and from the seminar the same day.

We are also offering an additional seminar specifically for school authority trustees in Barrie, Thunder Bay and Sudbury. Those sessions will focus on issues unique to school authority boards, including funding and governance issues. School authority trustees are invited to attend both the larger session as well as the specialized training session focussing on school authority boards. The school authority sessions will take

place from 6:00 pm – 8:00 on the following dates:

- Monday, December 4 Barrie Holiday Inn West
- Tuesday, December 5 Thunder Bay Valhalla Inn
- Wednesday, December 13 Sudbury Holiday Inn

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Geneviève Blanchet at (416) 325-5028 or via email at Genevieve.Blanchet@ontario.ca.