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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education, District School Boards
Supervisory Officers and Secretary Treasurers, School Authorities
Director, Provincial Schools Branch

FROM: Paul Anthony
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DATE: April 30, 2008

SUBJECT: April Update –Teacher Learning and Leadership Program

I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with an update on funding and recent activities involving the Teacher Learning and Leadership Program (TLLP).

TLLP Transfer Payment

In March 2008, boards participating in TLLP received their first 2007-08 TLLP transfer payment for the 10% administration fee to cover the set up and administration of the project funding account. On May 21st, these boards will receive their second transfer payment which represents 80% of the “project budget” as outlined in Schedule B of the 2007-08 TLLP funding agreement. The total funding provided in this second transfer payment is to be used by 2007-08 TLLP participants to carry out their projects.

Where two 2007-08 TLLP projects are funded within the same board, the TLLP payments will combine the two project amounts. This means the board will have to consult the two transfer payment contracts to determine how much to allocate to each project.

As part of the funding agreement, participating boards are to provide the Teaching Policy and Standards Branch with a copy of the 2008 Certificate of Insurance (COI) showing the inclusion of the TLLP as part of the board’s coverage. If your board has not already done so, please fax a copy of the COI to the attention of Sarah Flanagan at 416-325-7019.

TLLP Implementation Highlights

Team leaders and some team members from the 2007-08 TLLP projects attended a two-day *Leadership Skills for Classroom Teachers* training session on March 27 and 28, 2008. This training session was designed to help participants discover, develop and further refine their leadership skills in order to effectively manage their learning project and share their learning with colleagues.

Keynote speakers included the Honourable Kathleen Wynn, Minister of Education and Ann Lieberman, a pioneer in the field of teachers “going public” with their professional learning. The two days were both informational and interactive, providing participants with formal and informal opportunities to network with colleagues, particularly those working on similar initiatives. Plenary and breakout “carousel” sessions were led by experienced personnel from the Ministry of Education, the Ontario Teachers’ Federation (OTF) and its Affiliates.

The session provided opportunities for individuals and groups to debrief, reflect and consider the implications of workshop content and activities related to their own initiatives, and to prepare to communicate with team members and other colleagues in their home school and board. Preliminary feedback from the participants indicates that the training session was well received and appreciated. We are working with the OTF to fine tune the upcoming training session which will be delivered on May 29 and 30, 2008 to the 2008-09 TLLP participants.

In April, the Teacher Learning and Leadership Committee reviewed applications that had been submitted by school boards for the 2008-09 TLLP. Of the 96 proposals received, 72 were approved for funding. Decisions were recently communicated to the applicants and their boards. Announcements and application packages for the 2009-2010 TLLP will be available to boards and interested teachers in October 2008.

TLLP – Moving Forward

School boards, provincial schools and school authorities have an important role to play in the TLLP. Directors of education and supervisory officers of school authorities are asked to ensure that principals and teachers are made aware of this new opportunity for experienced teachers and to encourage their participation.

Boards were asked to designate one TLLP selection committee member as the contact person that would liaise with the ministry on issues related to the program. If you have not already done so, please email this person's name, email and telephone number to sarah.flanagan@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your support in implementing the TLLP and other Ministry initiatives that recognize teachers as a valuable resource that must be encouraged, developed and utilized to enhance the educational experience of our students.

If you have any questions about the TLLP, please contact Camille Chénier, Senior Policy Advisor (camille.chenier@ontario.ca or 416-325-1074) or Armand Gagné, Education Officer (armand.gagne@ontario.ca or 416-325-4349).

Sincerely,

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