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MEMORANDUM TO: Parent Involvement Committee Chairs/Co-chairs

FROM: Ruth Flynn
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DATE: April 7, 2011

SUBJECT: Parents Reaching Out Grants

We are pleased to announce the commencement of the 2011-12 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grants program for school councils and regional/provincial projects. During the 2010-11 school year, more than 1,700 projects were funded across Ontario totalling \$1.8 million. Over 90% of school council applications submitted were approved – the highest number and percentage of approvals ever. We are pleased that school council and PIC members are working to involve more parents in their children's learning in support of student achievement and well-being through PRO grants.

The PRO grants are available to school councils for a maximum of \$1,000 for school-based initiatives. A maximum of \$30,000 per project will be made available for the PRO regional/provincial grant program.

The PRO grants for school councils are intended to support school-based initiatives to reach parents who face barriers to becoming involved in their child's education. School councils may develop proposals individually, with other school councils in the same board, or with other groups in the school or in the community.

The PRO grants for regional/provincial projects are available to parent organizations, school boards, non-profit organizations and post secondary institutions working in partnership with parents. Eligible projects must fall under at least one of the following areas: Parents as Partners: Welcoming School Board and School Environment for all Parents; and Skill Building Opportunities for Parents.

Please note that the deadline for the 2011-12 PRO grant submissions is **Friday, May 13, 2011**. Applications are required to be submitted electronically. I would encourage you to apply. For more information on the 2011-12 PRO grants, please visit the ministry website at: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/reaching.html>

If you have questions, please contact Glenn Court (Lead Policy/Program Co-ordinator) at (416) 325-7802 glenn.court@ontario.ca or Ayn Posada, Policy/Program Analyst at (416) 325-7774 ayn.posada@ontario.ca .

Thank you for your support of the PRO Grant program and your assistance in supporting school council participation in the program.

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cc. Directors of Education, Supervisory Officers of Provincial Schools and School Authorities
Regional Office managers and Parent Engagement leads