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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
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Principals of Elementary and Secondary Schools
Principals of Provincial and Demonstration Schools

FROM: Marg Connor
Director
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DATE: April 15, 2013

RE: **Update - Healthy Schools Recognition Program**

Thank you for your ongoing interest in the Healthy Schools Recognition Program. I am writing to provide you with an update on the status of Healthy Schools Recognition Program (HSRP). While the HSRP is on pause for the 2012/13 year, we plan to re-launch a revised program for the 2013/14 school year.

As you may recall, the Ministry of Education launched the HSRP in December 2006. The program challenged all schools, both at the elementary and secondary levels to find ways to make their schools healthier. Over the last six years, more than 2,350 individual schools have participated in implementing a range of new initiatives aimed at enhancing the well-being of students. We thank you and your staff for your ongoing support of the HSRP and for your efforts to improve the health and well-being of your students.

While the Healthy Schools Recognition Program has been very successful, a recent survey of our Education and Health partners encouraged us to revisit the existing recognition program and suggested adopting a more comprehensive school approach that would contribute to more sustainable, positive changes within the school environment. We will be consulting with our partners in the coming weeks about ways to improve the Healthy Schools Recognition Program.

I would be grateful if you would pass this memo along to the relevant staff.

Sincerely,

Marg Connor
Director

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