



MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education

FROM: Mary Jean Gallagher
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SUBJECT: Student Achievement Division Spring 2014 Resource Package

I am pleased to provide you with information regarding the upcoming Student Achievement Division Spring 2014 Resource Package set to be delivered to you shortly. These resources should be helpful in stimulating professional conversations with your colleagues and can be used as professional learning supports in your schools and district school boards.

I am also very excited to be able to include the Ministry of Education's recently launched vision paper entitled: *Achieving Excellence: A Renewed Vision for Education in Ontario*. The renewed vision builds on the progress that has been made over the past ten years and includes input from thousands of Ontarians with whom the Ministry has consulted since May 2013.

Our distribution includes individual packages for Superintendents of Education, Coordinators of Literacy and Numeracy, Student Success Leaders, Student Work Study Teachers and School Effectiveness Leads at your district school board. As evidenced by recent order requests, district school board staff have been anxious to receive these resources. We will also send to your attention, shrink-wrapped resources and address labels for further distribution to your elementary and secondary schools. If your district school board requested to have packages sent directly to your schools, we have done so.

The Student Achievement Division Spring 2014 Resource Package includes a selection of new monographs and multi-media resources, as listed below.

K-12 Resources:

- Paying Attention to Spatial Reasoning, Kindergarten to Grade 12
- Report: A Forum for Action – Effective Practices in Mathematics Education, December 11&12, 2013
- Linking Today's Understanding to Tomorrow's Learning – Proportional Reasoning (multimedia)
- "Living in a State of Inquiry" – Student Work Study Teacher Initiative (multimedia)
- Culturally Responsive Pedagogy (Capacity Building Series monograph)

- English Literacy Development: Supporting English Language Learners with Limited Prior Schooling (Capacity Building Series monograph)
- Learn more about supporting English Language Learners - Steps to English Proficiency (STEP) (Postcard)
- Supporting Struggling Writers (What Works? Research into Practice monograph)
- Assistive Technology Tools (What Works? Research into Practice monograph)
- Calling Upon Other Language Skills to Enhance Second Language Learning (What Works? Research into Practice monograph)
- Performing Poetry: Using Drama to Increase the Comprehension of Poetry (What Works? Research into Practice monograph)

The Ministry of Education's Vision Paper:

- Achieving Excellence: A Renewed Vision for Education in Ontario

Thank you for your work in supporting student achievement and success.

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