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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
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FROM: Paul Anthony
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DATE: August 29, 2008

SUBJECT: August Update – New Teacher Induction Program (NTIP)

International Induction Conference April 2009: Call for Proposals

As part of our next steps in supporting the implementation of NTIP, the Ministry will be hosting an International Induction Conference from April 28 – 30, 2009 (Pre-conference on April 27th) at the Doubletree by Hilton adjacent to the Toronto Airport. The purpose of the conference is to provide opportunities for provincial, national, and international educators to learn about effective practices and discuss issues related to teacher and principal induction.

Further details about the conference and an application for a Call for Proposals are now available at www.teacherinductionandbeyond.com. Please note that the pre-conference and conference registration fees are waived for up to five participants from each district school board, two participants from each school authority, three participants from the Provincial Schools Authority, as well as accepted presenters from Ontario school boards. The ministry is encouraging many proposals from Ontario school boards to showcase provincially, nationally and internationally their effective NTIP practices.

Updated NTIP Manuals and Resources

In recognition of the feedback received by the Ministry since the launch of the program, and update of the requirements related to teacher performance appraisals, the NTIP manuals and resources have been revised. The manuals were shipped to the designated NTIP superintendent from July 28th – August 8th. Please call your Regional Office contact immediately if you haven't received them yet. Revised manuals, handbooks, and resources are available at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/teacher/induction.html>.

September Regional Teleconferences

As referenced in the June 2008 Update memo, regional teleconferences will be held in September (see schedule below) to start off the supports for the 2008-09 NTIP.

| Region | Date | Time |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| London | Wed. Sept. 17 th | 9:30am-11:00am |
| London | Tues. Sept. 23 rd | 1:30pm-3:00pm |
| Toronto and Area | Fri. Sept. 19 th | 9:30am-11:00am |
| Ottawa | Thurs. Sept. 18 th | 9:30am-11:00am |
| Barrie | Wed. Sept. 17 th | 1:30pm-3:00pm |
| North Bay/Sudbury | Thurs. Sept. 18 th | 1:30pm-3:00pm |
| Thunder Bay | Fri. Sept. 19 th | 2:00pm-3:30pm |
| French language school boards | Thurs. Sept. 25 th | 9:30am-11:00am |

The teleconference will be supported by a PowerPoint presentation and an introduction to various websites. It is important that you have a computer with Internet access to participate fully in this session. Your Regional Office contact will be in touch with you shortly to confirm your participation.

If you have any questions about the NTIP, please call or email your NTIP Regional Office contact.

Once again, I would like to thank you and your board staff for the hard work and collaboration as together we build the capacity of the New Teacher Induction Program in 2008-09.

Sincerely,

(original signed by)

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