

**MEMORANDUM TO:** Directors of Education  
Supervisory Officers and Secretary-Treasurers of School  
Authorities  
Director of the Provincial Schools Branch  
Superintendent of Centre Jules-Léger

**FROM:** Kevin Costante  
Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Education

**Date:** August 19, 2010

**SUBJECT:** **Clustering of Social Justice Tribunals**

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I am writing to share information regarding the current initiative on the clustering of social justice adjudicative tribunals that the government is working on.

As you may be aware, in December 2009, the *Adjudicative Tribunals Accountability Governance and Appointments Act 2009* received Royal Assent. The act allows government to cluster tribunals and agencies with common stakeholders and related mandates in order to improve public services. The recently formed Environment and Land Tribunals of Ontario (ELTO) cluster brought together the Assessment Review Board, Board of Negotiation, Conservation Review Board, Environmental Review Tribunal and the Ontario Municipal Board.

The government is now embarking on a second cluster – the Social Justice Tribunals cluster. This cluster will bring together the Human Rights Tribunal, the Child and Family Services Review Board, the Custody Review Board, the Social Benefits Tribunals, the Social Assistance Review Board, the Special Education Tribunals (English and French) and the Landlord and Tenant Board.

The clustering of the Special Education Tribunal (English and French) does not change the Special Education Tribunal Process. However, it will be important that you share this information with relevant school board and school personnel. This clustering initiative promotes the best use of current resources by improving public services through cooperation and coordination. It also enhances consistency in tribunal practices, procedures and decision making.

For your information, the web-site posting of the advertisement for the Executive Chair, Social Justice Tribunals is available at: <https://www.pas.gov.on.ca/scripts/en/AdvPosDetails.asp?num=9>

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cc: Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education (MACSE)  
SEACs.