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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
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SUBJECT: Funding to Promote Well-Being: Safe, Accepting and Healthy Schools and Mental Health

We are pleased to confirm the ministry's commitment to the promotion of well-being and our continued funding to support boards in their work. For the 2016/17 school year, the ministry will provide \$6.4M to school boards to assist with promoting well-being.

This Spring, the ministry released [Ontario's Well-Being Strategy for Education Discussion Document](#) that articulates a draft definition of well-being for education, and the four key components at the foundation of Ontario's well-being strategy. These four components are Equity and Inclusive Education, Safe and Accepting Schools, Healthy Schools and Positive Mental Health.

The \$6.4M in funding can be used to support boards in the following areas:

- Engagement Activity
- Professional Learning
- Programs/Resources/Equipment
- Leadership Development/Capacity Building
- Opportunities for alignment across the four components of well-being (safe schools, healthy schools, equity and inclusive education and positive mental health)

To further promote and support our collective commitment to student well-being across our diverse province, the ministry will undertake a formal engagement with school boards and community partners in Fall 2016. Details around this engagement will be provided in the near future.

School Board Reports and Plans – New Online System

As of September 28, 2016, school board users will be able to access a new online system for administrative processes related to this funding at: <https://edcs.tcu.gov.on.ca/PR>, under “Well-Being: Safe, Accepting and Healthy Schools and Mental Health.”

Please identify board staff that should have access to the new system using the following link by September 15, 2016: <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/FundingForWell-Being/>. If they have not already done so, board users that will be accessing the system must first register for a “Go Secure” account and inform the ministry when this is complete (see attached tip sheet). Once we receive confirmation of “Go Secure” registration, we will provide board users with access.

2015-16 Final Reports

- October 28, 2016: deadline for 2015-16 final reports to be submitted online. From the Well-Being Dashboard, select: “Well-Being: Safe, Accepting and Healthy Schools and Mental Health 2015-16.”
- The reporting template will be pre-populated with information from your board’s 2015-16 Plan.

2016-17 Plan and Transfer Payment Agreement

- October 28, 2016: deadline for 2016-17 plan submission. From the Well-Being Dashboard, select: “Well-Being: Safe, Accepting and Healthy Schools and Mental Health: 2016-17.”
- Upon completion of your 2016-17 Plan, the ministry will upload your 2016-17 Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) to your Well-Being Dashboard. At that time, users may download, review, and sign, then upload a scan of the completed signature page. The ministry will upload a counter-signed copy and flow your board’s allocation.

Your specific board allocation can be found in the B-Memo. If you have any questions about your board’s allocation for the well-being bundle, or the online system, please contact Anusha Tikaram at anusha.tikaram@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your continued efforts as we work together to support student well-being.

Sincerely,

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