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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Directors of Education  
Student Success Leaders

**FROM:** Rob Andrews  
Director  
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Karen Gill  
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**DATE:** August 31, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Student Achievement Literacy Planning Resource: Grades 7-12

Ensuring equity for Ontario students means that precise, timely and effective supports are provided to those who require additional support in literacy. District school boards (DSBs) receive targeted funds from the Ministry of Education to support and encourage students in Grades 7-12 in three areas related to achievement in literacy; a) leadership, b) collaborative professional learning and c) supports for students.

Please find attached the *Student Achievement Literacy Planning Resource: Grades 7-12 (2016)*. This is a tool to support the collaborative efforts of Student Success Leaders (SSLs), system and school leaders, and DSB and school teams, as they plan and implement targeted and precise actions for students who require additional support in literacy. The resource will be reviewed and updated regularly. Electronic copies of the 2016 version are available for use in the 2016-17 school year.

### **Supporting Sessions**

Optional Adobe Connect sessions will be held for SSLs, DSB leaders, and teams that support planning and professional learning for literacy. These sessions will include opportunities to:

- Review the *Student Achievement Literacy Planning Resource: Grades 7-12 (2016)*
- Consider board and school planning for literacy in 2016-17
- Share practices for leadership, collaborative professional learning and supports for students in literacy.

Attendees will have a choice of dates and times as outlined in the table below.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Morning Session</b>	<b>Afternoon Session</b>
Tuesday, September 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2016	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2016	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

### **Additional Professional Learning**

The professional learning calendar for 2016-17 will offer a variety of optional sessions designed to help educators precisely address and respond to the specific areas of need related to literacy learning, as identified by boards. The ministry will also provide customized professional learning in collaboration with specific boards or regions, upon request. Please refer to the [Calendar of Education Events](#) for more details.

We thank you for your continued partnership and for your ongoing support for student achievement in literacy across all regions of the province.

Sincerely,

*Original Signed by*

Rob Andrews

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Karen Gill

C: Regional Student Success Leaders (RSSLs)

Attachment