

**MEMORANDUM TO:** Directors of Education  
Supervisory Officers and Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities  
Strict Discipline Providers

**FROM:** Elizabeth Harding  
Director, Policy and Program Branch  
Ministry of Education

**DATE:** November 30, 2007

**RE:** EFFECTIVE PRACTICES RELATED TO PROGRAMS FOR SUSPENDED  
AND EXPELLED STUDENTS

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INFORMATION SHARING SESSIONS

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As you are aware, on June 4, 2007, *The Education Amendment Act (Progressive Discipline and School Safety), 2007*, was passed into law by the government. Among other changes, the Act requires school boards to provide programs for suspended pupils and expelled pupils, which must be provided in accordance with Ministry policies and guidelines, effective February 1, 2008. Following the recent safe school training sessions, school board staff have indicated an interest in additional opportunities to share information on prospective models for implementing programs for suspended and expelled students.

I am writing to you to invite up to 3 staff members from your board to attend an information sharing session on 'Effective Practices Related to Programs for Suspended and Expelled Students' which will be held in your area between December 7 and December 19, 2007. The date and venue for the session in your area and agenda is attached.

At the information sharing session in your area, Ministry staff will be sharing ideas and strategies with board staff who are developing board programs for suspended and expelled students. School boards will be encouraged to share information on innovative program options that they are presently considering. The agenda also includes discussions around transitioning students from existing Strict Discipline Programs to new board programs, entry and exit procedures for new programs, academic program strategies and non academic program options.

I encourage you to enable staff to participate in this session as part of your boards overall efforts to put together effective academic and non academic programs for these students. If you have any questions please contact Allan Kathnelson at 613-225-9210 ex157 or by email at [allan.kathnelson@ontario.ca](mailto:allan.kathnelson@ontario.ca).

**Original Signed By Elizabeth Harding**

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Attachments

c. Ministry of Education Regional Office Managers

## Information Session Dates

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>CONTACTS</b>
December 7, 2007	Toronto	Mississauga Grand 35 Brunei Road Mississauga (905-501-0043)	Jacqueline Goh Nancy Gilbert
December 10, 2007	Barrie	Comfort Inn 210 Essa Road Barrie (705-721-1122)	Sandra Morson Susan Burke
December 11, 2007	London	Four Points Sheraton 1150 Wellington Rd. South London (519-681-0600)	Gerry Treble Cathy Jenkins
December 13, 2007	Thunder Bay	The Travelodge Thunder Bay Airlane 698 West Arthur St. Thunder Bay (807-473-1600)	Audrey James
December 14, 2007	Sudbury	Howard Johnson Plaza 50 Brady St. Sudbury	Fern Crepeau Nicole McAllister
December 19, 2007	Ottawa	Confederation High School 1645 Woodroffe Avenue Nepean	Jill Bennett Mike Laurie
December 18, 2007	FRENCH LANGUAGE BOARDS AND AUTHORITIES	Video-conferencing	Maurice Glaude Nancy Gilbert Fern Crepeau Nicole McAllister