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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Supervisory Officers and Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities
Director of Provincial Schools

FROM: Marg Connor
Director
Learning Environment Branch

DATE: December 8, 2011

RE: **School Food and Beverage Policy (P/PM 150)
Implementation Supports and Secondary School Teacher Training
and Funding**

I am writing to make you aware of secondary school teacher training and related funding to support your implementation of the School Food and Beverage Policy (P/PM 150). Please RSVP by December 21, 2011.

As you know, the School Food and Beverage Policy was released on January 15, 2010 and came into force on September 1, 2011. Following the release of the policy, the Ministry provided principal training for school board teams in January and February 2010. Funding and resources were also provided to train elementary and secondary school principals from each school.

In November/December 2010 and January 2011, Ministry staff delivered elementary teacher training for school board teams across the province making connections between the requirements of the School Food and Beverage Policy and the elementary curriculum. Funding and resources were also provided to train elementary teachers from each school.

Ministry training sessions for secondary school teachers will be provided to school board teams in January and February 2012. This staff development opportunity will focus on making connections and reinforcing the knowledge, skills, and attitudes regarding healthy eating that are developed through the Ontario curriculum and builds on the principal and elementary teacher training already provided.

This training session will also give the ministry the opportunity to collect your feedback on the draft School Food and Beverage Policy Secondary School Teacher Resource Guide which will be shared at the sessions. Your input is valuable, and will guide revisions we make as we finalize this resource.

Each Provincial School Authority is invited to send 1 participant and each school board is invited to send up to seven (7) participants to this training. A team of seven should include:

- Secondary school teachers (representing health and physical education, hospitality and tourism and family studies subject areas), and
- Board representative(s) (director/supervisory officer/consultant/coordinator/principal)

English language boards are invited to attend a training session in their respective region as follows:

Region	Date
Thunder Bay	January 17, 2012
Dryden	January 18, 2012
Sudbury	January 24, 2012
North Bay	January 25, 2012
Kingston	January 31, 2012
Ottawa	February 1, 2012
London	February 7, 2012
Ancaster	February 8, 2012
Barrie	February 14, 2012
Toronto and Area	February 15, 2012

A French language session for all French language boards will be held in Toronto on February 22, 2012.

Board costs associated with attending this training will be reimbursed as per Ministry guidelines.

Please provide the names of the representatives from your board to Eva Silva, Senior Policy Analyst at Eva.Silva@ontario.ca, or at 416-325-4753 no later than December 21, 2011. Eva will confirm the details of the venue for your training session.

Funding, as announced in the March 31, 2011 memo titled: **2011-12 Funding in Addition to Grants for Student Needs ministry memo (2011:B4)**, of \$700,000 has been allocated provincially for school boards/authorities to train remaining secondary school teachers on the School Food and Beverage Policy.

Boards will be responsible for organizing and delivering training on the School Food and Beverage Policy to secondary school teachers who were not trained at the regional training sessions (one teacher or equivalent, e.g. one teacher attends a six hour training session, or two teachers attend a three-hour training session) per secondary school by the end of June, 2012.

A Project Agreement Template indicating your board's/school authority's total allocation for this initiative will be sent to you shortly. The Ministry will flow funding to boards upon receipt of the signed Project Agreement Template.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to help students lead healthy, active lives.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Marg Connor

Marg Connor
Director

c. Regional Managers, Ministry of Education Regional Offices