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MEMORANDUM TO: Consultation Participants

FROM: Gabriel F. Sékaly
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DATE: December 16, 2013

SUBJECT: **School Board Efficiencies and Modernization Consultations**

I am writing today to thank you for taking time out from your busy schedules to attend the recent consultation sessions on the School Board Efficiencies and Modernization Strategy.

The discussions were both collegial and constructive, and they will certainly play an important role in shaping the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) for 2014-15 and beyond. We have also received several written submissions which we are currently reviewing as additional input to the consultation process. A full report of what we learned from the consultations will be provided to your organizations in the near future.

These continue to be challenging fiscal times for both the government and for school boards. However, with the spirit of collaboration that we saw throughout the consultations, I am certain that we will be able to move on your suggestions on how to make the sector more efficient and more responsive to the needs and aspirations of today's students and communities.

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