

**MEMORANDUM TO:** Directors of Education

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**SUBJECT:** Re-engagement Initiative (12&12+)

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Dear Colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to be able to share with you some of the excellent results of your focussed work on student engagement and re-engagement. We have just received a summary of the 2012-2013 Re-engagement Initiative (12&12+) data and these very positive results are a reflection of both the diligent work of your staff and a reflection of the increased opportunities that have been provided to re-engaged students.

In 2012-13 boards contacted over 16,600 students who had either left school during the 2011-12 school year or did not show up for classes in September 2012. Over the last three years you have contacted almost 50,000 students to renew their pursuit of a diploma.

In 2012-13 over 8,900 students returned to school and over the last three years a total over 23,900 students re-engaged.

The lifelong value of the high school graduation diploma has been well documented. With the renewed efforts of the re-engaged students and the supports provided at the board, school and classroom levels in the 2012-13 school year alone over 2,800 students achieved a graduation diploma. Over the three years of this initiative, a total of more than more than 7,700 students have earned a graduation diploma.

Early in the New Year we will be able to share the preliminary data for the 2013-14 school year and we look forward to sharing the provincial picture with you. In the meantime, please pass on our appreciation to all of your staff involved in this initiative and extend our best wishes for the holiday season.

Sincerely,

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