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Memorandum To: Directors of Education

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Subject: Education Programs – Other (EPO) Funding
Considerations (2014-15 and 2015-16 School Year)

The Ministry of Education recognizes that recent labour disruptions (including work-to-rule actions) may have impeded the ability of school boards to complete the implementation of EPO programs that are funded through Transfer Payment Agreements (TPAs). Further, the ministry recognizes that those impacts may have affected program delivery for the 2014-15 School Year (SY) and for the 2015-16 SY. These impacts include providing EPO-related reports to the ministry within the time frame specified in the TPAs.

2014-15 SY Contracts

As per the previous memo sent on June 18, 2015, and in consideration of the disruption to board operations by these labour actions, the ministry provided affected boards the option of extending the contract deadlines for 2014-15 SY TPAs to December 15, 2015 for both spending and reporting. Boards were asked to send in requests for extensions by July 15, 2015, and those that sent materials in by the deadline were sent contract extensions for the affected EPO TPAs. At this time, no further extensions for 2014-15 SY contracts will be granted.


Please complete any outstanding requirements for 2014-15 SY EPO TPAs. This includes report back requirements for releasing funding from holdback.

All other terms and conditions of the 2014-15 TPAs will remain unchanged. For funding that cannot be spent within the contract expiry dates, boards should follow the regular Repayment of Overpayment process outlined in the TPAs.

2015-16 SY Contracts

The ministry is cognizant of the needs of the school boards and is assessing opportunities to assist boards with effective implementation of 2015-16 EPO programs, while ensuring that the funding provided is commensurate with what can reasonably be achieved in the 2015-16 school year. Given the circumstances of the current school year, ministry staff will work with school boards on any revised expectations for the 2015-16 EPO TPAs. Further details regarding the 2015-16 SY EPO TPAs will follow in a subsequent memorandum.

The ministry encourages effective implementation of programs and the timely management and reporting of all expenditures. Please contact your ministry representative should you have any questions.



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