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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Directors of Education  
Supervisory Officers of School Authorities Acting as Directors of Education

**FROM:** Kevin Costante  
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**RE:** *Supervised Alternative Learning: Policy and Implementation*

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I am writing to inform you that the document *Supervised Alternative Learning: Policy and Implementation* is now available on the ministry website at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/policyfunding/alternative.html>. This document supports implementation of Ontario Regulation #374/10, "Supervised Alternative Learning and Other Excusals from Attendance at School" which comes into effect on February 1, 2011. The regulation is available at [www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws\\_regs\\_100374\\_e.htm](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws_regs_100374_e.htm).

All school boards sent a team of staff to ministry training about Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) on November 9 or 10. We will be forwarding the web link to those who were in attendance at the training, and also invite you to share this memo with staff who need to be aware of the document and regulation. We encourage your staff to use the website, which also will include Rich Text Format versions of various templates which can be adapted for use by your board.

In addition, the changes to the register for 14-17 year olds with unexcused absences also come into effect on February 1, 2011. The new enrolment register changes for 14-17 year olds and for students in SAL will be communicated separately.

Thank you for your continued efforts to reach every student.

*Original signed by*

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