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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Directors of Education  
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Authorities  
Director, Provincial Schools

**FROM:** George Zegarac  
Deputy Minister

**DATE:** January 7, 2013

**SUBJECT:** **Diagnostic Assessment: Policy/Program Memorandum No. 155**

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Please find attached the Policy/Program memorandum (PPM) No. 155 entitled *Diagnostic Assessment in Support of Student Learning*, which comes into effect immediately. This PPM is pursuant to the *Putting Students First Act, 2012*, which received Royal Assent on September 11, 2012.

The PPM provides principles and criteria to guide boards, principals and teachers in the selection and effective use of diagnostic assessment tools.

Please share this PPM with your Superintendents and Principals. If there are any questions, please contact: Karen Gill, Director, Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch at [Karen.Gill@Ontario.ca](mailto:Karen.Gill@Ontario.ca), 416-325-2576.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Zegarac".

George Zegarac  
Deputy Minister

Attachment:  
Policy/Program memorandum (PPM) No 155: *Diagnostic Assessment in Support of Student Learning*

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