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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Superintendents of Special Education

FROM: Barry Finlay, Director
Special Education Policy and Programs Branch

DATE: January 31, 2014

SUBJECT: **Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) Expertise
Professional Learning Day**

In an effort to continue the Ministry of Education's support of school board Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) capacity development in Ontario's publicly-funded schools, the ministry is once again hosting a professional learning opportunity for school board ABA expertise professionals.

The Special Education Policy and Programs Branch is hosting a provincial Applied Behaviour Analysis Professional Learning Day on **April 30, 2014** for school board ABA expertise professionals, hired through the Behaviour Expertise Amount, part of the Special Education Grant in the Grants for Student Needs (GSN). Attendees will participate in presentations, professional dialogue and information sharing.

The Professional Learning Day will provide an opportunity for ABA expertise school board staff to receive and share information, participate in work sessions, and provide input and comment into future training opportunities for schools and school boards.

The Professional Learning Day will be hosted in Toronto.

900 Bay Street
2nd Floor Macdonald Block, Ontario Room
Toronto, ON
M7A 1L2
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

School boards are requested to identify which board level ABA expertise professional(s) will be attending the Professional Learning Day. To manage capacity concerns, an allocation of attendees has been assigned based on each school board's enrolment.

Please see the attached school board list for your school board's maximum allocation of attendees.

Please note that school boards are responsible for any costs associated with travel and/or overnight stay of board staff in respect to participation in the ABA Professional Learning Day and may wish to use their ABA training funding for this purpose.

Please confirm your attendance by completing the attached form and returning it via email to Kathryn Nowina, Senior Policy Advisor at kathryn.nowina@ontario.ca on or before Friday March 28, 2014.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this opportunity.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

Barry Finlay