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MEMORANDUM TO:

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DATE:

December 9, 2013

SUBJECT:

Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM) 2013-14 Transfer Payments

For 2013-14, Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) funding to boards is comprised of a GSN amount and a Transfer Payment (TP) allocation that was identified in the Master Project Agreement sent to your board in June 2013. The TP portion is used to make adjustments if there is a difference between the original projected number of students and the number of students reported in the board's initial report submitted in November 2013.

The chart in the appendix indicates your board's projection for SHSM students, the total initial report enrolment as indicated in the 2013-14 initial board report, the amount of the enrolment adjustment, and the final amount of the SHSM transfer payment. To account for minor enrolment fluctuations we have used a buffer of plus or minus 15% of projected students per program. The chart also indicates changes in program offerings, if any, and subsequent funding implications.

In most cases this difference in funding can be attributed to the fact that boards estimate SHSM student enrolment as part of the application process nine months before the school year begins. Funding has been allocated to support mature programs by increasing the per student amount to \$500.

If you require further information or assistance, please contact Aldo Cianfrini at 416 325-2669, aldo.cianfrini@ontario.ca or Sudeshna Dutta at 416-325-2508, sudeshna.dutta@ontario.ca

Thank you for your on-going commitment to support success for all students. We look forward to working with you on this important endeavour and to hearing about the SHSM results achieved by your students.

Original Signed by

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