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Memorandum To: Directors of Education

From: George Zegarac
Deputy Minister

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Subject: Broader Public Sector Business Documents Directive

I am writing to let you know that the government has released a new Directive for the broader public sector. The Broader Public Sector (BPS) Business Documents Directive (The Directive) was issued under the authority of the *Broader Public Sector Accountability Act, 2010* (BPSAA), which was recently amended by the *Public Sector and MPP Accountability and Transparency Act, 2014* (BPSAA).

This is another step in fulfilling the government's commitment to strengthening accountability, oversight and transparency in the provincial government and across the BPS.

The Directive, effective on January 1, 2016, requires designated BPS organizations, as defined under the BPSAA, to prepare and publish online their business plans and other business or financial documents.

The Directive sets out:

- minimum information that must be included in business plans;
- minimum information that must be included in additional business or financial documents;
- timing for posting required information; and
- a requirement that information must be available from the same webpage on an organization's website.

The specific requirements for when documents and information should be posted are set out in the Directive. However, designated BPS organizations are encouraged to post information as soon as it is available.

As with any new requirement, it is important to know about compliance. The ministry will be conducting a compliance check in the next fiscal year, to verify that the appropriate documents and information have been posted in accordance with the new Directive.

[The Directive](#) and [supporting information](#) (in English and French) are available now at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/more-about-bps-business-documents-directive>.

If you have questions about The Directive, please contact Romina di Pasquale, Manager, Financial Analysis and Accountability Branch, at 416-325-2057 or at Romina.DiPasquale@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



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