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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Directors of Education

**FROM:** Rob Andrews  
Director  
Student Success Implementation Branch (SSIB)

**DATE:** January 27, 2016

**SUBJECT:** **Minister's Student Advisory Council (MSAC) 2016/17:  
Applications open today!**

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We are pleased to announce that applications for the 2016/17 Minister's Student Advisory Council (MSAC) are now open.

The MSAC Application form can be accessed online at <https://onstudentvoice.fluidreview.com/>.

For your information, principals at schools with students in grades 7-12 will receive an email from the Ministry of Education announcing that applications are open. Directors of Education will receive a copy of this email. The email will include a PDF poster that principals can use to promote MSAC at their schools.

## **CONTEXT**

MSAC is a group of approximately 60 grade 7-12 students appointed annually to provide advice to the Minister of Education on issues of student engagement and achievement. The council also provides feedback on Ministry programs and policy upon request. The council currently represents the diversity of students in Ontario and is balanced, taking into consideration gender, geography, language, age and lived experience.

As in 2015/16, the 2016/17 application will be offered online through FluidReview<sup>®</sup>, an online application management system. This will allow for greater consistency and quality of applications and decreased input time for students.

## **KEY DATES**

Please see the following key dates below:

Key Dates	Item
<b>Wednesday, January 27, 2016</b>	Applications open
<b>Friday, March 11, 2016</b>	Applications close
<b>March – April 2016</b>	Applications reviewed by Ministry
<b>May 2016</b>	Council appointment Written notice provided to all applicants

Please note, school boards will be notified of the successful council appointees, upon their appointment.

## **CONTACT**

Should you have any questions, please contact either Ruth Bennett, Education Officer, SSIB at [Ruth.Bennett@ontario.ca](mailto:Ruth.Bennett@ontario.ca) or 416-325-5788 or Samantha Hamilton, Senior Policy Advisor, SSIB at [Samantha.Hamilton@ontario.ca](mailto:Samantha.Hamilton@ontario.ca) or 416-314-3862.

Sincerely,

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