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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education

FROM: Eleanor Newman
Senior Executive Officer,
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DATE: January 28, 2011

SUBJECT: **Schools in the Middle: Effective Leadership, Effective Schools**

The *Schools in the Middle: Effective Leadership, Effective Schools* initiative is designed to support the work of school improvement teams in elementary schools where 50% to 74% of the students achieved the Provincial Standard on a minimum of four of six (or two of three) 2010 EQAO assessments.

A memo dated September 30, 2010 provided details regarding the expectations for system improvement teams, the work to be done within networks of schools, and the use of and accountability for funds received. Further to this memo, we are pleased to provide additional funding in support of the SIM plan that your district has submitted.

The XXXXXX District School Board will receive \$xxxxx in enhanced SIM funding to be used for:

- Enhancing implementation of effective practice within current SIM schools;
- Expanding to include other schools within SIM learning networks;
- Resources to support SIM school improvement plans (professional resources for teaching reading, writing and mathematics, classroom materials for teaching reading and mathematics as recommended by LNS);
- Release time for capacity building of groups of teachers who work in "schools in the middle" including release time for networking with colleagues across networks of schools; and
- Travel costs for SIM School Improvement Teams to learning sessions facilitated by the System Improvement Team.

District School Boards will report on the expenditure of the enhancement funds as part of the report back on SIM funding due July 15, 2011. For further information regarding SIM funding, please contact the LNS Field Team Leader for your region.

We appreciate your ongoing commitment to supporting SIM schools in moving from "good to great to excellent".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eleanor Newman".

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