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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education

FROM: Cathy Montreuil
Chief Student Achievement Officer and Assistant Deputy Minister
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DATE: July 28, 2016

SUBJECT: Ministry Supports for Monitoring and Reporting of the Renewed Mathematics Strategy in Secondary Schools

We are committed to working together with your board to support students not yet achieving at the provincial standard in mathematics. As outlined in the Transfer Payment Agreement for the Renewed Mathematics Strategy (RMS), the ministry has developed some reporting tools to support your secondary school principals and board leaders in the development and implementation of your improvement plans. The tool is designed to assist school teams and school and system leaders to follow a process that models an improvement learning cycle through the collection of both quantitative and qualitative data to monitor and respond to student achievement/improvement in the Grade 9 applied math course.

To facilitate the registration process for school and board staff to begin using this online tool, we request that you share this communication with the appropriate senior staff who are responsible for the mathematics improvement plan in your district school board. Please have your staff review and populate the attached document: "List of Secondary Schools designated as receiving increased or intense support in the Renewed Math Strategy in the 2016/17 School Year", with particular attention to the following for each school listed:

- Principal name and e-mail address,
- Name and e-mail address of the supervisory officer leader who will collaborate with the school team,
- The RMS designation for each school (i.e. schools receiving intense support (RMS 1) or increased support (RMS 2),
- Any change in the status of listed schools (e.g. school closing; school not registering Grade 9 students in the 2016/17 school year).

The completed chart should be submitted to Melissa Black [Melissa.black@ontario.ca] on behalf of the district school board math lead by August 24th, 2016.

Information and data entry instructions for the reporting tool will be included in a forthcoming Renewed Mathematics Strategy Implementation Package (to be issued in August). Finally, the ministry will be providing direct support via telephone and email to board and school staff from September 6th to address any immediate IT issues.

If you have any immediate questions or comments relating to the RMS secondary school monitoring tool, please email: [studentsuccess@ontario.ca].

Thank you for your on-going efforts to support improvements in math learning.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Attachment

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