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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Supervisory Officers and Secretary-Treasurers of
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Director of the Provincial Schools Branch
Supervisory Officer of Centre Jules-Léger

FROM: Ann Perron
Chief Executive Officer, Interim
The Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat

DATE: June 25, 2008

SUBJECT: Tutors in the Classroom

Again this year, The Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat is pleased to partner with boards to provide the Tutors in the Classroom program. Through this program, boards may hire post-secondary students enrolled in Ontario colleges and universities to work as tutors in JK to Grade 6 classrooms. Post-secondary student tutors are a valuable resource, offering additional support to students and modelling the importance of lifelong learning and the importance of strong literacy and numeracy skills. As well, this program provides the tutors with an opportunity to enhance their educational experience by linking academic learning in a practical environment.

As a result of positive feedback from the field, funding will be provided province-wide during the 2008-2009 school year to support this program. The Secretariat will provide 50% of the salary and benefits of post-secondary students employed in the program to a maximum grant of \$1,000 per individual.

The tutors will support the work of classroom teachers through working directly with students to reinforce previously taught skills and concepts. The goal of this intervention is to assist in closing the gap in achievement in order to achieve equity of outcomes for specific populations that consistently underachieve.

We ask that as you determine the schools and students that will take part in the Tutors in the Classroom program, you review current achievement data within your board to inform your participant selection process. This will ensure that the schools and students in greatest need will receive additional support.

Please note that **Tutors in the Classroom** program is separate from and in addition to **OFIP Tutoring**. Tutors in the Classroom is a cost sharing program between boards and The Secretariat and provides direct support to students during the regular school day. OFIP Tutoring provides all boards with funding to run before and after school tutoring programs.

Funding for the Tutors in the Classroom program will be confirmed once end of year reports and expenditure records for the 2007-2008 year are finalized. To indicate your intention to participate in the Tutors in the Classroom program for 2008-2009, please complete the attached application and return it by June 30, 2008 to judy.speirs@ontario.ca.

Final Report for 2007-2008

We would like to remind you that final reports for boards that participated in the program this year should be submitted to judy.speirs@ontario.ca by **June 30, 2008**. The Final Report template was sent to directors in February 2008.

I will communicate with you later in the summer regarding LNS Strategies for 2008-2009. We look forward to working with you as we continue to support improved learning and achievement for all students in Ontario.

At this time, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your dedication and hard work over the past year and wish you a restful and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,



Ann Perron

cc: EDU Deputy Minister
EDU Assistant Deputy Ministers
Regional Managers