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MEMORANDUM TO:

Directors of District School Boards
Secretary-Treasurers and Supervisory Officers of School
Authorities
Executive Directors, Child and Youth Mental Health Agencies
CEOs, Public Hospitals with Child and Youth Mental Health
Services
Executive Directors, Family Health Teams
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SUBJECT:

Student Support Leadership Initiative Phase Two

The purpose of this memo is to inform you about the first year of Phase Two of the Student Support Leadership (SSL) initiative. SSL began in 2008 as a collaborative initiative of the Ministries of Education and Children and Youth Services and in 2010-11¹ will be expanded to include the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. SSL supports and is aligned with Ontario's Safe Schools Strategy, *A Shared Responsibility: Ontario's Policy Framework for Child and Youth Mental Health*, and the development of the Ontario government's 10-year Mental Health and Addictions Strategy.

This next phase of SSL will continue to empower system leaders and build on past successes.

For the purposes of this initiative, the Ministries of Education, Children and Youth Services, and Health and Long-Term Care are continuing to build on the original 29 geographic Clusters of neighbouring school boards and coordinating community agencies (*see the attached Cluster Groupings*). In 2010-11, the SSL initiative will build on the work that Clusters have been doing over the last three years by deepening partnerships to include appropriate health sector partners (e.g., hospitals that offer child and youth mental health services, Family Health Teams, Community Health Centres, addictions service providers). Clusters are also encouraged to invite representation from care, treatment, custody and correctional facilities (Section 23 education programs) to participate in Cluster planning.

Leaders of school boards, schools, community agencies and health partners are being asked to work together to establish or enhance local partnerships and protocols to better meet the needs of students through collaborative planning, coordination and referrals.

Our ministries recognize that the needs of communities vary, as do the level of resources and services available. We understand that partnerships between school boards and community agencies are at different stages of development and the establishment and/or enhancement of partnerships requires leadership and cooperation. Protocols between boards and community agencies may already be in place to facilitate referral processes and the provision of services and support for students while respecting collective agreements. Where such protocols already exist, they should be reviewed to reflect the partnership's capacity to respond to the needs of the students. Clusters are expected to develop joint referral processes among schools, school boards, child and youth mental health agencies (including youth justice service providers), and health sector partners. Clusters will also focus on leadership and capacity development related to mental health awareness. For more information, please see the attached **Provincial Guidelines**.

To be eligible for funding, Clusters (including their health sector partners) must return the attached **Planning Template**, signed by Cluster members, to the Safe Schools lead in your Ministry of Education Regional Office by July 15, 2010. We ask that the school board identified by Cluster members as the lead school board coordinate the necessary signatures and be responsible for managing the funding.

Should you have any questions regarding the SSL initiative please contact Paul Grogan, Education Officer, Ministry of Education at (416) 326-4039 or paul.grogan@ontario.ca or

¹ 2010-11 refers to the school year and is from August 31st, 2010 to August 31st, 2011.

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We thank you for your continued support in helping Ontario students reach their full potential at all stages of their development.

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- Nancy Matthews, Assistant Deputy Minister, Service Delivery Division, Ministry of Children and Youth Services
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Attachments