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MEMORANDUM TO: Student Success Leaders

FROM: Kirsten Parker
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SUBJECT: Student Success Communications Resources

We would like to facilitate the distribution of Student Success communication resources to boards and schools by providing SSLs and principals the opportunity to order the materials online at www.serviceontario.ca/publications. The stock is limited, thus orders will be completed while quantities are available.

Communication Materials Include:***More ways to succeed in high school: a booklet for parents and students***

This 12 page booklet highlights the Student Success programs and initiatives that are being offered in Ontario's publicly funded schools. The booklet showcases stories about real students who have benefited from one or more of these programs. The booklet is meant to help students and parents understand Student Success programs through examples with which they will be able to identify with. It can be used as a course selection and/or communication tool.

What do you need to graduate? Fact Sheet

This half page bilingual fact sheet is a quick reference tool that explains the latest graduation requirements. Please note that in September 2009, the fact sheet "*What you need to Graduate?*" will be revised to reflect forthcoming changes as well as to update the SHSM sectors and remove reference to Lighthouse projects in the booklet.

Student Success Credit Tracker and Plastic Sleeve

The *Credit Tracker* is a bilingual card in a protective plastic sleeve that fits easily into a wallet, purse or pocket. The *Credit Trackers* are blue in colour replacing the green ones from 2006-07. Students and parents can use these to understand what credits are needed for graduation while keeping track of progress to date. Guidance counsellors and teachers can use the *Credit Tracker* as a communications or planning tool when they meet with students and parents. Please note that in September 2009, the *Credit Tracker* will be revised to reflect forthcoming changes.

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Web pages with additional resources are available in both English and French at www.Ontario.ca/MoreStudentSuccess and www.Ontario.ca/PlusdeReussitedesElevés .

Visitors to the site can:

- Sign up to receive the latest about Ontario's high school programs
- Order a copy of the brochure *More ways to succeed in high school* or download a PDF
- Download the *Student Success Credit Tracker*
- Download a fact sheet on graduation requirements
- Find more resources to help their child succeed in high school

We appreciate your continued support and commitment to Student Success. If you have any questions regarding this material please contact Christopher Cox at christopher.cox@ontario.ca

Sincerely,

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