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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Directors of Education  
Supervisory Officers and Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities

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**SUBJECT:** Provincial Mathematics Learning Day

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*Achieving Excellence*, the renewed vision for education in Ontario, challenges the ministry and the education sector to work differently toward meeting the goals for the Ontario education system. Building on the excellence goal, the ministry has recently announced the Renewed Mathematics Strategy (RMS) for the 2016-17 school year. This strategy focuses on identifying, differentiating and targeting supports based on local need and contexts, with the intention to improve student achievement and well-being across Ontario.

In order to support your district school board to implement the Renewed Mathematics Strategy, we would like to invite you to a Provincial Mathematics Learning Day on May 18th, 2016 at the Pearson Convention Centre in Mississauga to begin the collaborative conversation on the implementation of the Strategy.

The event was informed by conversations between the ministry and CODE, and is intended to be responsive to the request from directors for more opportunities to plan together, including sharing evidence and effective practice.

Implementation and impact of the RMS will be the main focus of the day, with board leadership teams having the opportunity to begin to identify focus and supports for the next school year. There will be opportunities for teams to reflect on supports for the schools in the "few" and "some" school groupings. Other topics that will be discussed

are the intersection between leadership and the RMS, ministry-led professional learning opportunities for the 2016-17 school year, and board and school improvement planning. The format of the day will include plenary presentations and opportunities for team and cross-team reflection and discussion and planning time.

Board leadership teams from across the province are invited to plan and think together, network, and share ideas, questions and effective practices. It is an opportunity for board and ministry staff to hear from each other about success, ideas and challenges they may be facing or have overcome.

You are invited to bring board leadership teams of up to 8 people. Consistent with the goals of the Renewed Math Strategy, particular focus will be given throughout the day to supporting math across the early years to Grade 12 continuum, including supporting learning outcomes for students with special education needs. In order to support and contribute to these areas of focus, we request that your lead staff with responsibility for early years and for special education make up two spots on your team. Two other spots are reserved for the School Effectiveness Lead and the Student Success Leader. Other team members may be decided by the board at your discretion (e.g., Director, Curriculum Superintendent, Technology Enabled Learning and Teaching contact), making a maximum team of 8 per board. We will not be able to accommodate board teams larger than this as space is limited.

Please register your board leadership team with Nalini Mistry (nalini.mistry@peelsb.com) by **Monday May 9<sup>th</sup>**, using the attached form. Please note any accommodation or dietary requirements when registering.

Thank you,

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