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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education with Priority Schools - Community Use of Schools

FROM: Denise Dwyer
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DATE: May 6, 2016

SUBJECT: **Request for Substitution of Priority Schools**

This memo is a follow up to the 2016: B07 memorandum, *2016-17 School Year Education Programs – Other (EPO) Funding*, regarding the Priority Schools Initiative, a component of the Community Use of Schools program. Through this initiative, funding is provided to make space in selected schools, located in high needs communities, available to not-for profit groups at no cost outside of school hours.

We recognize the importance of selecting the most appropriate district schools and communities for this initiative. Consequently, the Ministry invites district school boards to suggest substitutions on an annual basis should the need arise to reflect changes in local needs and circumstances.

If you feel a more appropriate school should replace an existing Priority School, please email Django Keita (django.keita@ontario.ca) at the Ministry of Education with a rationale for the suggested substitution.

Please send your suggested substitution and rationale by **May 20, 2016**.

I am also taking this opportunity to thank you for your support and outreach to your Priority Schools regarding Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants. For the 2015-16 school year, 143 Priority Schools projects were funded. We are pleased at this response and look forward to receiving more applications from Priority Schools this year. The deadline for 2016-17 PRO Grant submissions is Sunday, May 29, 2016. For more information, please visit the [Ministry's website](#).

For your information, a list of all 220 current Priority Schools in the province is attached. The list can also be found on the Ministry's website at [this link](#).

If you have any questions regarding this request or about the list of Priority Schools, please contact Django Keita (django.keita@ontario.ca, or 416-325-2091).

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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CC: Secretaries to Directors of Education

Regional Office Managers

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Attachment: List of Priority Schools 2015-16