

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

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SUBJECT: Student Success Communications Resources for the 2008-09
Course Selection Process

To assist students and parents/guardians with their secondary school course selections, we are pleased to let you know that the ministry has developed communications resources that will be distributed to boards and schools this fall and winter to be used as part of the option sheet/course selection process. These Student Success Learning to 18 resources include: *More ways to succeed in high school: a booklet for parents and students*; a fact sheet, *What do you need to graduate?* and an updated Student Success Credit Tracker.

Combined, these three Student Success communications resources explain the new compulsory credit opportunities and the new programs that help students to earn credits and learn outside the regular classroom. The brochure also contains authentic stories of students who have already benefited from these opportunities. Electronic copies are attached for your reference.

The first phase of deliveries will begin the week of November 19th. At that time, elementary schools will receive copies to distribute to each grade 8 student and his/her parent/guardian. At the same time, packages will be sent to board offices for distribution to secondary student success teams, superintendents and board personnel associated with transitions and guidance efforts. Included in these deliveries will be a memo for administrators and school teams with additional information about the resources.

The second phase of deliveries will begin January, 2008. At that time, deliveries will be made to all schools with grades 9, 10, 11, and/or 12. The intention is that each student will receive a copy of the brochure, fact sheet and Student Success Credit Tracker as part of the course selection process.

Should your board, authority or your school wish to order additional quantities, please log in at www.serviceontario.ca/publications using your EDU customer account number or call the contact centre at 1-800-668-9938.

Web pages with additional resources will be available in both English and French. www.Ontario.ca/MoreStudentSuccess and will be live on November 16, 2007.

Your Student Success Leader has been apprised of this distribution plan and a focus group has provided suggestions regarding ways to use these resources as part of the course selection process. Please have your Student Success Leaders share this memo with your board's elementary and secondary principals.

As we embark on communicating the exciting new programs and opportunities that are available to all secondary school students through the Student Success Strategy, we thank you in advance for your support in distributing these resources to them.

Yours truly,



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Attachment

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