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MEMORANDUM TO: Student Success Leaders

FROM: Kirsten Parker
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DATE: November 16, 2007

SUBJECT: Transition Planning and Implementation

As announced at the 2007 September Student Success Leader Symposium, we will continue our work with you on the Grade 8 to 9 Transition Planning and Implementation strategy throughout the 2007-2008 academic year. To facilitate this work without taking you away from your boards and schools, I am pleased to confirm that Student Success/ Learning to 18 Implementation, Training and Evaluation Branch (SSLITEB) Education Officers will attend one of your regional meetings or teleconferences. These have been coordinated with the regional Education Officers and will occur as follows:

Sudbury - November 30 teleconference 9:00 – 10:00 am
London - November 30 meeting (in Ingersoll) 10:30-11:30 am
Ottawa - December 6 meeting (in Kingston) 10:30-11:30 am
Toronto - December 6 meeting (in Etobicoke) 1:00 – 2:00 pm
Thunder Bay – December 4 teleconference 9:00 - 10:00 am
Barrie - November 28 meeting (at Simcoe County DSB offices) 1:00 - 2:00 pm

The time required for the transition session will include updates, provincial and board data, reporting requirements, and new resources related to board and school planning and implementation for the Grade 8 to 9 transition. The dialogue and sharing will lay the groundwork for a follow-up session early in 2008. Information regarding this 2008 session will also be shared at the meeting/teleconference identified in the above list. It is essential that you provide an alternate to participate on your behalf should you be unable to attend.

An earlier memo was distributed to your Director and copied to you. Attached was a draft of this year's Taking Stock Report as well as some questions that you may use to gather input from Student Success Teams and teachers with whom you are meeting this fall. This input will help to inform our programming in part two of the Transition sessions.

My team looks forward to working with you in November and December at the regional teleconferences and meetings. The Transition initiative has successfully assisted many students as they move from grades 7 to 9. It has resulted in increased collaboration between intermediate teachers (7-10) and their principals and more supports in place to provide increased opportunities for students to experience success. Thank you for your leadership.

Regards,



Kirsten Parker