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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Principals, Elementary/Secondary

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**SUBJECT:** Student Success Communication Resources

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This memo provides further details regarding the Student Success resources developed to support students and their parents/guardians with the course selection process for 2008-09.

You have received electronic samples of these resources. They include: a booklet *More Ways to succeed in high school*, an updated fact sheet, *What do you need to graduate?* and a revised Student Success Tracker and plastic sleeve.

Elementary school principals can expect to receive deliveries of these three resources, one for each grade 8 student to share with their parent/guardian, the week of November 19<sup>th</sup>. Secondary principals will receive one for each grade 9-12 student also to be shared with parent/guardian, in January 2008. **All three resources are designed to be a part of the option sheet/course selection information package.**

Descriptors of each resource and additional strategies for their use include:

***More ways to succeed in high school* Booklet**

This 12 page booklet highlights Student Success programs and initiatives along with showcasing real stories about students who have benefited from these programs. The booklet also contains a mail-back order card so that parents can request an additional copy and sign-up for the latest information about Student Success programs. The booklet is available in English and French.

***What do you need to graduate?* Fact Sheet**

This bilingual fact sheet is a quick reference tool that explains the latest graduation requirements.

**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 new Credit Trackers are blue and replace the green ones from last year. Students and parents/guardians can use the Tracker to learn what credits are required for graduation while keeping track of progress to date. Teachers can use the Credit Tracker as a communication or planning tool when they meet with students and parents/guardians.

As mentioned, these resources are to be distributed as part of your school's option sheet/course selection process. However, you may also wish to use these resources in the following ways:

- Use as an in-class activity and discussion in grade 8, in Careers, Learning Strategies or French class
- Provide copies to co-op employers and community partners
- Include in report card package
- Include as part of the Orientation package or Transfer Package for students
- Provide to parents/guardians at Parent Interview Night or Transitions Night

Should you wish to order additional quantities, please log in at [www.serviceontario.ca/publications](http://www.serviceontario.ca/publications) using your EDU customer account number or call the contact centre at 1-800-668-9938. Should you wish to download these resources, please log in at [www.Ontario.ca/MoreStudentSuccess](http://www.Ontario.ca/MoreStudentSuccess). If you have any questions regarding these resources, you may contact Jean Courtney 416-325-6185 or by email: <jean.courtney@ontario.ca>, and Ziyaad Vahed 416-327-9826 or email: <ziyaad.vahed@ontario.ca>.

There are many new opportunities available to students. As we continue to work together to build pathways and communicate these options to our communities, more students will be engaged and remain in school to graduate. Thank you for sharing these materials with students and their families and to your continued commitment to Student Success.

Yours truly,

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