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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education

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SUBJECT: Board Interface Tools – 2017 Update

The purpose of this memo is to introduce two new Board Interface Tools that are now available to school boards to support evidence-based decision making:

- **Diploma Tool:** The Diploma Tool supports analysis of diploma data for graduation cohort students. School-level diploma data and student subgroup outcome data is available in the tool to inform analysis and planning activities to increase board graduation rates (note that the board-level methodology should not be applied to calculate school-level rates in light of the higher movement of students from schools where they started grade 9).

- **Board Profiles Tool**: The Board Profiles Tool can be used to support in depth analysis of achievement data of students in Ontario. The tool includes Grade 3, 6, 9 and Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) data; Grade 6, 7 and 8 report card data; Grade 9, 10 and 11 credit accumulation data and data about rates of persistent absenteeism for students in grades 1 to 8. The tool provides the user with the ability to filter results by the characteristics of students and schools and make comparisons with provincial-level data.

The existing seven Board Interface Tools have been updated over the past year and continue to be available to school boards to support evidence-based decision making:

- The **Indigenous Education Analytical Profiles** (IEAP) enrolment and achievement data for students who have self-identified as First Nation, Métis or Inuit.
- The **Postsecondary Education Tool (PSE)** provides data on students who registered directly in an Ontario college or university.
- The **Suspension and Expulsion Tool (SUS/EX)** provides data on suspensions and expulsions.

- The **Student Enrolment Analyser (SEA)** provides a variety of enrolment data, with specific focus on special education programs/services enrolment and second language program enrolment.
- The **Similar Schools Analyser (SSA)** provides school-level characteristics and student outcome data.
- The **French as a Second Language Tool (FSL)** provides FSL program data.
- The **Secondary Longitudinal Interactive Course Explorer (SLICE)** provides data on the relationship between grade 9 courses and graduation outcomes.

Your Managing Information for Student Achievement (MISA) Leader has been provided with your board-specific login information. Each board can access only its own board data, along with regional and provincial averages. Your board may choose to distribute the login information and password for these tools based on the needs of your board.

For more information about these tools, please contact your board's MISA Leader. I would also be pleased to provide more information and assist in building capacity within your board to use the tools for analysis and planning.

Sincerely,

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