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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Supervisory Officers and Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities
Director of Provincial Schools Branch

FROM: Ruth Flynn
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SUBJECT: CONNECTING COMMUNITIES - A Symposium for School and System Leaders to Support the Implementation of Ontario's Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy

As you know, we are presently in the second year of the four-year implementation plan of Ontario's Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy. Following up on the October 6, 2009 videoconference and the recent training of board leads and teams, I am pleased to inform you that the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario (CPCO), the Association des directions et directions adjointes des écoles franco-ontariennes (ADFO), and the Ontario Principals' Council (OPC) have collaborated to host the Connecting Communities symposium, with support from the Ministry of Education. This event, organized by CPCO, is designed for school and system leaders to support the effective implementation of the Strategy and will feature Trevor Wilson, author and equity strategist.

Where: Westin Harbour Castle Hotel
Address: 1 Harbour Square, Toronto
When: Wednesday, December 9, 2009
Time: 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Boards are invited to send a team of four representatives that should include the equity and inclusive education lead, a superintendent, an elementary principal and a secondary principal, to this exciting learning and networking opportunity. Any questions should be directed to Vanessa Kellow from CPCO at vkellow@cpco.on.ca. Please find attached further information on the symposium and the registration process.

Ruth Flynn

Attachments

cc. Regional Managers, Field Services Branch
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