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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Directors of Education  
Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities  
Principals of Secondary Schools  
Principals of Provincial and Demonstration School

**FROM:** Kevin Costante  
Deputy Minister

**DATE:** November 8, 2010

**RE:** **Dual Credit Policy and Implementation – 2010**

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the updated *Dual Credit Policy and Implementation – 2010* to be used in implementing dual credit programs as approved through the School-College-Work Initiative (SCWI) for the 2010-11 school year. Only students in approved School-College-Work Initiative dual credit programs may count dual credits toward the OSSD, following the provisions set out in the attached document. Directors are asked to ensure that all secondary school principals are aware of the policy and procedural details that are contained in the attached document.

Of particular note are the following elements:

- Clarification has been provided on Assessment and Evaluation in dual credit courses. It is important to note that in college-delivered dual credit courses, neither the instruction nor the assessment and evaluation is the responsibility of secondary school teachers, and as a result, not all policies outlined in *Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting in Ontario Schools, First Edition, Covering Grades 1 to 12, 2010* will apply.

Additional detail has been added outlining how funding support for secondary teacher instructional costs for all approved 2010-11 dual credit program approaches is provided through the Grants for Student Needs (GSN).

SCWI is co-funded by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, and co-managed under the leadership of the Council of Ontario Directors of Education and the Committee of (College) Presidents. SCWI and its infrastructure of 16 Regional Planning Teams involve high school teachers and administrators and college faculty and administrators.

In 2010-11, SCWI is funding 400 dual credit programs, involving all 70 district school boards with secondary schools, all 24 colleges of applied arts and technology and approximately 10,000 secondary

school students. All programs are based on collaboration and partnership between school boards and colleges.

We are encouraged by the success we have seen in dual credit programs. These programs are effective strategies in our continuing efforts to engage students who are often more successful when they see the relevance of what they are learning to their interests and future plans and have increased confidence in their ability to achieve their goals.

The response by boards, colleges and partners to the application process has led to an impressive increase in dual credit programs being offered to students in the 2010-11 school year. This emphasizes the level of collaboration and partnership between and among secondary and post-secondary institutions. The Ministry will continue to support the School College Work Initiative (SCWI) towards deeper implementation, examining data and supporting professional dialogue among boards, colleges and regional planning teams.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to student success.

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY**

Kevin Costante

Attachment

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- Raymond Théberge, Assistant Deputy Minister
- Marie-Lison Fougère, Assistant Deputy Minister
- Laurie LeBlanc, Assistant Deputy Minister
- College Presidents
- College Vice-Presidents Academic
- Colleges Ontario
- Council of Ontario Directors of Education
- SCWI Co-Management Team
- SCWI Regional Planning Team Chairs
- School Board Student Success Leaders
- Regional Managers