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**MEMORANDUM TO :** Student Success Leaders

**FROM :** Kirsten Parker  
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Student Success/Learning to 18 – Implementation,  
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**DATE :** **October 24, 2008**

**SUBJECT :** Differentiated Instruction and Transitions in Grades 7-10  
Regional Symposium

Dear Student Success Leaders,

I am pleased to invite you and a team of board leaders to attend a one day regional symposium that will focus on differentiated instruction and transitions in Grades 7 - 10. The following is a list of all regional symposia dates, locations and hotel reservations:

Session Date	Session Location	Hotel Information
November 4	<b>Sudbury</b> Radisson Hotel 85 STE. Anne Rd, Sudbury Ph: (705) 675-1123	Radisson Hotel 85 STE. Anne Rd, Sudbury Ph: (705) 675-1123 Room Block # 110308MINE
November 12	<b>Thunder Bay</b> Da Vinci Banquet Hall 340 Waterloo St. South, Thunder Bay Ph: (807) 623 - 2415	Travelodge Airlane 698 W. Arthur St., Thunder Bay Ph: (807)473-1600 Room Block # 5471
November 26	<b>Ottawa</b> Centurion Conference Centre 170 Colonade Rd. South, Ottawa Ph: (613) 727 - 1044	Monterrey Inn 2259 Prince of Wales Dr, Ottawa Ph: 1-800-565-1311 Room Block # 164662 (Ministry of Education)
December 1	<b>Stoney Creek</b> The Grand Olympia 660 Barton St., Stoney Creek Ph: (905) 643-4291	TBD
December 2	Barrie – TBD	TBD
December 4	London – TBD	TBD
December 9	Toronto – TBD	No hotel reservations

The regional symposium will provide an opportunity to be updated and consulted on board and school support, effective strategies for professional learning and implementation, new resources and reporting tools - including a review of the Taking Stock report for transitions planning and implementation and the board differentiated instruction professional learning plan (RAFT).

Please note that this letter includes two enclosures: the Differentiated Instruction and Transitions reports – RAFT and Taking Stock (respectively). The Taking Stock report is due for submission by the end of December, 2008; board RAFT plans are due at the end of and January, 2009.

The focus of the symposium will be on sharing resources and professional learning strategies targeted at Grades 7 - 10. The symposia will consist of integrated and interactive sessions that pay particular attention to connections between Differentiated Instruction, Transitions, Literacy, Mathematical Literacy and Assessment and Evaluation. We ask all Student Success Leaders to please bring their Annual Action Plan and RAFT Plan from 2007-08 as they will be the basis of the discussion and action planning throughout the day. Time for board planning and dialogue will be provided.

A copy of the memo to Directors of Education and Secretaries of School Authorities about this provincial symposium has been previously forwarded to you for your information.

Up to eight participants from your board are invited to attend as a board implementation team. In addition to your attendance, participants should include:

- a Superintendent with Curriculum or Program responsibilities and
- board-level leaders with elementary and secondary responsibilities and/or expertise in the areas of instruction and programs, assessment and evaluation, special education, Aboriginal education, English language learners/ESL programs and other areas appropriate to the delivery of professional learning for educators.

We encourage the attendance of board-level leaders with elementary and secondary responsibilities and expertise who would work closely with you on this portfolio.

Please complete the attached registration form and return it by fax to (416) 327-6749 or by email to [katherine.lee@ontario.ca](mailto:katherine.lee@ontario.ca) no later than October 31, 2008.

A block of hotel rooms have been reserved under the Ministry of Education. Please contact the appropriate hotels for reservations or via the registration link included in the registration form. Thank you. We look forward to seeing you in the November and December.

Regards,

Kirsten Parker

Encl.

c: Regional EOs