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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education

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SUBJECT: Student Achievement Division Fall 2013 Resource Package

I am pleased to provide you with information regarding the upcoming Student Achievement Division Fall 2013 Resource Package set to be delivered to you shortly. These resources should be helpful in stimulating professional conversations with your colleagues.

Our distribution includes individual packages for Superintendents of Program, Coordinators of Literacy and Numeracy, Researchers, Student Success Leaders and School Effectiveness Leads at your district school board. As evidenced by recent order requests, district school board staff have been anxious to receive these resources. We will also send to your attention, shrink-wrapped resources and address labels for further distribution to your elementary and secondary schools. If your district school board requested to have packages sent directly to your schools, we have done so.

While many of the materials in the package are designed for a K-12 audience, some of them are specifically focused for the elementary panel. That being said, some of the elementary panel resources may in fact be of interest to secondary panel educators.

The Student Achievement Division Fall 2013 Resource Package includes a selection of new monographs and multi-media resources, as listed below.

K-12 Resources:

- *School Effectiveness Framework*
- *Paying Attention to Literacy*
- *Paying Attention to Algebraic Reasoning*
- *Creating Pathways to Success, Policy and Program Requirements, Kindergarten to Grade 12*
- *Leaders in Educational Thought: Steven Katz, Carmel Crevola and Anthony Muhammad (webcast)*
- *Leaders in Educational Thought: Special Mathematics Edition, Alex Lawson, Marian Small, Lucy West, Daniel Ansari, Cathy Bruce, Doug Clements and Dan Meyer (webcast)*
- *Canadian-born English Language Learners (Capacity Building Series monograph)*
- *Dynamic Learning: Student Learning and Educator Learning (Capacity Building Series monograph)*

Elementary-Focused Resources:

- Notice for new online resource, *K-2 Connections*
- *Math Study Groups: Learning in a collaborative Culture of Inquiry, Study, Action (webcast)*
- *Planning for Mathematical Understanding: Fractions Across Junior Grades (webcast)*
- *Inquiry-based Learning (Capacity Building Series monograph)*
- *Student Voice (Capacity Building Series monograph)*
- *Supporting Families as Collaborators in Children's Literacy Development (What Works? Research into Practice monograph)*
- *Using a Professional Learning Community to Support Multimodal Literacies (What Works? Research into Practice monograph)*
- *Fostering Literacy Success for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students (What Works? Research into Practice monograph)*
- *Assessing Text Difficulty for Students (What Works? Research into Practice monograph)*
- *Promoting Critical Literacy across Curriculum and Fostering Safer Learning Environments (What Works? Research into Practice monograph)*

Thank you for your work in supporting student achievement and success.

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