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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Secretaries of School Authorities
Superintendents of Schools

FROM: George Zegarac
Deputy Minister

DATE: February 1, 2013

**RE: Policy/Program Memorandum 156: Supporting Transitions for Students
with Special Education Needs**

Effective transition planning is important for all students, especially for students with special education needs. Personalized and precise student transition plans reflect the individual students' strengths and needs and provide the foundation for successful transition experiences.

The ministry is acting on recommendations from the Auditor General's Report on Special Education to help ensure that all transitions for students with special education needs are effectively managed.

Policy/Program Memorandum 156 provides direction to school boards regarding the development of student transition plans as part of the Individual Education Plan (IEP). The intent of PPM 156 is to formalize the current effective practices related to supporting transitions in order to ensure a more consistent approach across schools. Effective transition plans will support increased student achievement and well being and improved continuity of programs and/or services for students with special education needs.

Implementation will begin September 2, 2014. In order to ensure that the development of student transition plans are effectively incorporated as part of the Individual Education Plan (IEP) in all school boards, the ministry is providing school boards with a period to implement the requirements of PPM 156. The ministry will work in consultation with school boards over the next year to gather, share, and develop best practices in preparation for implementation of the PPM in September 2014. The PPM is posted on the Ministry of Education website at: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/teachers/speced.html>. If you have any questions, please contact your local Ministry of Education Regional Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Zegarac".

George Zegarac

Attachment

cc: K. Verduyn, Director, FSB
Regional Manager