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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
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FROM: Julie Williams
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DATE: April 7, 2010

RE: Website Refresh – Special Education

On March 26, 2010, the Ministry of Education posted a reorganization and enhancement of the special education component of its website. The improvements have been designed to facilitate easy access for parents, teachers, administrators and students by providing:

- Access to School Board Education Plans and Parent Guides;
- Updated Resources and Policy Documents prepared by the Ministry of Education;
- Roles and Responsibilities;
- Individual Education Plan (IEP) samples;
- A chart of various responsibilities of school boards relating to the provision of special education programs and services;
- Links to various publications for parents;
- Links to school board profiles;
- Special Education Update that describes new and ongoing special education initiatives (anticipated availability in June 2010);
- Questions and Answers for parents in plain language; and
- Regional Special Education Offices and Public Enquiries contact information.

I encourage you to visit the site, and in particular, the links to School Board Special Education Plans and Parent Guides at:

http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/speced/School_Board_SEPs_and_Parent_Guides_English.pdf
for your respective boards to ensure that your site is up to date.

The Special Education Policy and Programs Branch has also developed a template (attached) outlining special education information available on the Ministry of Education's website. Please ensure that this information is available to parents at your board office and schools at all times.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and your continued support in providing parents with information they need to enable them to participate fully in decisions regarding their child's special education needs.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Julie Williams

Attachment