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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education

FROM: Grant Clarke
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SUBJECT: Fall 2010 Special Education Funding Sector Discussions

Following the release of Special Education Grant (SEG) for the 2010-11 school year, the Ministry announced that discussions with the sector would be held during the 2010-11 school year to inform the SEG for 2010-11 and future years. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide general information with regards to these comprehensive discussions with all school boards.

These discussions are intended to encourage effectiveness and efficiency in the use of existing resources. The discussion will focus on the relationship among: special education funding, the delivery of programs and services, and student achievement. School boards are invited to come prepared to:

- Share current practices of effective and efficient use of funding to support special education program and service delivery that resulted in improved student achievement and well-being;
- Identify challenges and issues around utilization and allocation of special education funding; and
- Provide suggestions and recommendations to the Ministry on how to improve the special education funding formula in 2011-12 and future years.

School boards are invited to send a team of five to eight representatives which may include Supervisory Officers of Special Education and Curriculum, Business Officials, Principals, and

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) members. Regional sessions have been scheduled on the following dates:

Region	Date
Barrie	1. Monday, October 4, 2010 (Barrie) 2. Tuesday, October 5, 2010 (Whitby)
London	1. Wednesday, October 6, 2010 (Hamilton) 2. Tuesday, October 12, 2010 (London)
Ottawa	Friday, October 15, 2010
Sudbury/North Bay	Thursday, September 30, 2010
Thunder Bay	Thursday, October 14, 2010
Toronto	Monday, September 29, 2010
French Language Boards	Thursday, October 7, 2010

Further information regarding meeting locations and other details will be provided to school boards in Fall 2010.

In preparation for these discussions school boards will receive information and materials in advance that will provide background, context and a framework for the discussions. For a more fulsome conversation in region sessions, school boards are expected to use the materials to consult internally prior to the fall regional discussions.

There will be additional discussions scheduled for Fall 2010 with broader stakeholder groups that may include Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education (MACSE), the Provincial Parent Associations Advisory Committee on Special Education Advisory Committee (PAAC on SEAC), Trustees' Associations, and provincial unions.

In addition, please note that the Ministry has developed training materials, in the format of webinars, to support the release of *Special Education Funding Guidelines, Special Incidence Portion (SIP), 2010-11* and *Special Education Funding Guidelines, Special Equipment Amount (SEA), 2010-11*. Both English and French versions of the webinars are accessible at:

SIP <http://conn-o.osapac.org/p97739978/>

SEA <http://conn-o.osapac.org/p41814386/>

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