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Memorandum To: Directors of Education
Supervisory Officers and Secretary-Treasurers of School
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From: Ruth Flynn
Director
Inclusive Education Branch

Date: October 16, 2013

Subject: Adobe Connect Sessions on Bias-Free Progressive Discipline

We are pleased to invite school and system leaders and their teams to participate in a voluntary Adobe Connect session on the *Supporting Bias-Free Progressive Discipline in Schools: A Resource Guide for School and System Leaders*.

This resource guide was released in August, 2013. It is intended to support school and system leaders in their work to foster a bias-free approach to progressive discipline, prevention and early intervention practices (<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/policyfunding/discipline.html>).

At the Adobe Connect session, we will provide information on the various components in the resource guide and facilitate dialogue on effective practices, alignment with school board and ministry initiatives as well as future work in this area.

The sessions have been scheduled through the month of November. Please share this invitation with school and system leaders who may be interested, in particular those responsible for Safe Schools, Special Education and Equity and Inclusive Education.

Individuals or school/system teams can register online to one of the sessions by completing the form at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NF79MQY>. Log-on instructions for the session will be sent to the contact person identified in the registration form prior to the session. Please register by October 30th. If you have any questions about these sessions, please contact Maryse Francella (maryse.francella@ontario.ca, 416-325-1769).

We look forward to your participation at these sessions and thank you for your continued work to support safe, inclusive and accepting schools for student's well-being.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
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