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Toronto ON M7A 1L2**Memorandum To:** Directors of Education**From:** Bruce Rodrigues
Deputy Minister**Date:** March 2, 2018**Subject:** Staffing Announcement

I am pleased to announce that effective March 1, 2018, Shirley Kendrick, will assume the role of interim Assistant Deputy Minister in the Student Support and Field Services Division. As the former Director of the Curriculum, Assessment and Student Success Policy Branch and current Director of the Special Education/Success for All Branch, Shirley is known for being an innovative, inclusive and collaborative leader. Shirley brings over 27 years of teaching, leading and learning experience in the sector supporting all students including students with diverse learning needs.

Julie Williams, current manager in the Program Policy and Coordinated Services Unit will assume the role of interim Director of the Special Education/Success for All Branch. Julie has been a manager in the branch for ten years and has led multiple high profile initiatives to support achievement, well-being and equitable outcomes for students with special education needs as part of the Ministry of Education's commitment to all learners. Of note she led the team consultation, development and implementation of Learning for All, K-12, A Guide to Effective Assessment and instruction for All Students, Kindergarten to Grade 12. As well in close partnership with the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) she has lead teams delivering on a long list of government commitments to support collaborative service delivery and improved school based supports for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), recognized with multiple ministry and provincial awards.

Charmaine Perera, current manager in the Education Assessment Secretariat will assume the role of interim manager of the Program Policy and Coordinated Services Unit. Charmaine is a seasoned policy professional and has held many senior policy roles within the Ministry of Education and other Ministries across the OPS where she has led a number of high-profile initiatives. Charmaine most recently provided leadership on the independent review of provincial assessment and reporting practices led by the Premier and Minister of Education's six advisors and prior to that served as a Senior Advisor in the Deputy Minister's Office.

I would like to thank Shirley, Julie and Charmaine for agreeing to these interim acting assignments.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Rodrigues". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "B".

Bruce Rodrigues
Deputy Minister