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Memorandum To: Directors of Education
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Date: October 2, 2017

Subject: Funding to Promote Well-Being: Safe, Accepting and
Healthy Schools and Mental Health

We are pleased to confirm the ministry's commitment to the promotion of well-being and our continued funding to support boards in their work. For the 2017/18 school year, the ministry will provide \$6.4M to school boards to assist with promoting well-being.

In 2016-2017, the ministry conducted an extensive provincial engagement process to learn more about student well-being and how it is being supported in schools. An engagement paper, [Well-Being in our Schools, Strength in our Society](#) guided the discussions which were about people's understanding of well-being, how we can promote and support it and how we can understand our impact.

The \$6.4M in funding can be used to support boards in the following areas:

- Engagement Activity
- Professional Learning
- Programs/Resources/Equipment
- Leadership Development/Capacity Building
- Opportunities for alignment with work that directly supports well-being (safe schools, healthy schools, equity and inclusive education and mental health)

In addition, we are pleased to let you know that the well-being bundle funding will be increased next year (2018-19) to better support a broader view of well-being that is linked to achievement and equity and which reflects a whole learner view of the student experience as was identified through our well-being engagements. More information about what we heard through the engagements is now available on the ministry's website.

School Board Reports and Plans: Online System

As of September 21, 2017, school board users will be able to access the online system for administrative processes related to this funding at: <https://edcs.tcu.gov.on.ca/PR>, under "Well-Being: Safe, Accepting and Healthy Schools and Mental Health."

Please identify board staff that should have access to the new system using the following link by October 6, 2017: <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/FundingForWell-Being/>. If they have not already done so, board users who will be accessing the system must first register for a "Go Secure" account and inform the ministry when this is complete. Once we receive confirmation of "Go Secure" registration, we will provide board users with access.

2016-17 Final Reports

- October 31, 2017 is the deadline for 2016-17 final reports to be submitted online. From the Well-Being Dashboard, select: "Well-Being: Safe, Accepting and Healthy Schools and Mental Health 2016-17."
- The reporting template will be pre-populated with information from your board's 2016-17 Plan.

2017-18 Plan and Transfer Payment Agreement

- October 20, 2017 is the deadline for 2017-18 plan submission. From the Well-Being Dashboard, select: "Well-Being: Safe, Accepting and Healthy Schools and Mental Health: 2017-18."

- Upon completion of your 2017-18 Plan, the ministry will upload your 2017-18 Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) to your Well-Being Dashboard. At that time, users may download, review, and sign, then upload a scan of the completed signature page. The ministry will upload a counter-signed copy and flow your board's allocation.

Your specific board allocation can be found in the April 12 B-Memo (attached for your reference). If you have any questions about your board's allocation for the well-being bundle, or the online system, please contact Jeeves Jeyadevan jeeves.jeyadevan@ontario.ca or by phone at (416) 325-0129.

Thank you for your continued efforts as we work together to support student well-being.

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Attachment:

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