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Memorandum To: Directors of Education
Supervisory Officers of School Authorities

From: Nancy Matthews
Deputy Minister

Date: September 29, 2016

Subject: Transition to the Ontario Autism Program – Further
Information on After School Skills Development Programs

On June 28, 2016, you received the memorandum "Transition to the Ontario Autism Program – New Funding to Support School Boards", announcing new one-time funding to school boards to support the transition to the new Ontario Autism Program. As part of this new funding, you are eligible to apply to run After School Skills Development Programs.

The purpose of this memorandum is to invite school boards to submit applications for new funding to support new and/or existing after school programs that build and enhance skills for students affected by changes to autism services, and for students with high-needs autism spectrum disorder. The After School Skills Development Programs may focus on different areas such as social and communications skills development, behaviour management, etc. These programs are intended to run in the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years during the transition period to the new Ontario Autism Program. Please find attached the following documents to support the application process:

- an application for the "After School Skills Development Programs"; and,
- instructions for the completion of the application for "After School Skills Development Programs."

Completed program applications must be submitted to Arkadi Toritsyn arkadi.toritsyn@ontario.ca by October 31, 2016. Programs will begin no later than January 2017. Further information about the application process is in the attached documents.

If your staff have any questions or require further clarification, please contact Arkadi Toritsyn by email at arkadi.toritsyn@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Matthews". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Nancy Matthews
Deputy Minister

Enclosure