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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Secretary-Treasurers and Supervisory Officers of School Authorities
Director of Provincial and Demonstration Schools

FROM: Louise Sirisko, Director
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DATE: June 5, 2017

SUBJECT: **Seeking Nominations for a Review/Edit Team to work on the Confidential *Draft Provincial Framework for Alternative Programs & Courses* developed by the Ministry of Education, Special Education/Success for All Branch**

Most recently, a team from your board participated in one of seven Regional Feedback Sessions the Special Education, Success for All Branch conducted on sections of the confidential draft *Provincial Framework for Alternative Programs & Courses* and we would like to extend our sincere thank you for their time and contribution made.

The Branch is now moving forward on selecting a Review/Edit Team of educators from English and French boards, public and catholic, urban and rural to undertake a comprehensive review of the *draft* and make any necessary edits prior to releasing a final draft to District School Boards (DSBs).

The writing of the draft *Provincial Framework for Alternative Programs & Courses* has involved the following process:

- Regional Consultation Sessions with DSBs teams, including Provincial and Demonstration Schools, School Authorities (SAs) and Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) representatives to inform the resource were convened 2013-2014;
- A Writing team comprised of educators from the DSBs drafted the foundations of the framework in the summer 2014;
- Staff from the Special Education, Success for All Branch completed the draft of the Provincial Framework for Alternative Programs & Courses in the summer 2015; and
- Regional Feedback sessions with DSBs teams, including Provincial and Demonstration Schools, School Authorities (SAs) and Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) representatives to inform the resource were convened in the spring 2017.

In seeking your support we are pleased to extend an invitation to your board to nominate (form attached) two suitable candidates to be a part of this Review/Editing Team. Applicants must have the knowledge and direct experience in developing and implementing alternative programs and courses, and have strong review/editing skills.

As part of the selection process, we will be reviewing the applications and contacting the applicant's references. Approximately one – two weeks prior to the start of the work, there will be a teleconference whereby further details will be provided. Reviewers/Editors will be expected to come to Toronto as the work will be conducted August 16th, 17th and 18th, 2017. Applicants **must** be available to be in Toronto for the three consecutive days from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and will be paid a per diem.

Once the application is completed by the applicant, it along with the nomination form is to be submitted by the board no later than June 16, 2017. If the board or applicant requires additional information please don't hesitate to contact Sandra Montgomery at 416-325-3523 or by email at sandra.montgomery@ontario.ca

The application, selection and contract process for the Review/Edit Team is expected to begin June 19, 2017 with representation from across the province.

Thank you in advance for your continued support in meeting the needs of students who require programming alternative to the Ontario Curriculum. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Louise Sirisko

Attachments: Board Nomination Form
Application Form Package