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Dear Colleagues in Education,

The Institute for Education Leadership (IEL) is pleased to provide you with an update of our fall activities and key developments, which you may find useful.

During the summer months, Blair Hilts, IEL's Project Lead for Safe, Inclusive and Accepting Schools Toolkit Project, worked in partnership with a team of professionals from Thames Valley District School Board to develop a toolkit based on their strategies, knowledge and experience to ensuring safe, inclusive and accepting schools in their board. Through funding from the Ministry of Education, a draft comprehensive toolkit for safe, inclusive and accepting schools is now ready to be shared with other stakeholders and school boards across the province and will be available on the IEL website www.education-leadership-ontario.ca at the beginning of November 2012. We recognize the importance of the role that school and system leaders play in creating a safe, inclusive and accepting school climate and we invite you to use this resource and welcome your input in order to ensure its quality and usefulness. Your feedback and comments on how the practices presented in the toolkit might be enhanced would be greatly appreciated.

Over the course of the next few months, we will be seeking input from all four systems (English-catholic, English-public, French-catholic and French-public) in order to adapt and validate the resource. We are aiming to complete this phase of the project by the end of December 2012.

By March 2013, specific steps will be taken to offer training sessions to school and system leaders across the province to support the implementation of the Safe, Inclusive and Accepting Schools initiative. We will keep you informed on our progress as we continue to work on the development of this project with various stakeholders and experts in the area. We welcome your continued input as we move ahead to support school and system leaders in the implementation of Bill 13.

We are pleased to inform you that the 2012 Ontario Leadership Framework (OLF) is now available on the IEL website. The revised framework will continue to help facilitate a shared vision of leadership in schools and districts and promote a common language that fosters an understanding of what good leadership looks like, based on evidence and ground-breaking research about what makes the most difference to student achievement and well-being. The revised OLF includes a critical number of personal leadership traits and dispositions that have been found to increase the effectiveness of leadership practices.

Again this year, the IEL is pleased to offer a one-day orientation session for both English and French language newly appointed supervisory officers on October 4th 2012. The keynote speaker, Professor Ken Leithwood, will provide his recent findings that influenced the development of the 2012 Ontario Leadership Framework (OLF). Participants will also have the opportunity to discuss their priorities, perspectives, successes and challenges in small group discussions with the deputy minister and the assistant deputy ministers. Also, this session will provide a great opportunity for networking with other colleagues in the province.

We would like to encourage you to send us your resources to post on APPLIKI. We invite you to visit the IEL website and share your resources with all educators by posting them on APPLIKI. IEL coordinator, Jeanine Beauchemin, will be communicating with BLDS leads on a bi-monthly basis to update them on recent posts and sharing of resources. We value the opportunity to share resources to system leaders in the province, nationally and internationally.

Please distribute this communiqué to educational leaders in your organization. We are looking forward to continuing our communication with you throughout the year.



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