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Dear Colleagues in Education,

The Institute for Education Leadership (IEL) is pleased to provide you with an update of our recent activities and key developments.

We are pleased to inform you that we have recently hired two educators to support the implementation of the [Leading Safe and Accepting Schools](#) project. We would like to welcome Kim Christianson-Gagnon as the *Project lead* (1.0) and Joe Veryard (0.5) as the *Project Coordinator*. Kim, a French language school principal, is seconded from the Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario. Joe, former school principal, was responsible for leading the implementation of the Safe Schools' initiative for the Ottawa Catholic District School Board. We are looking forward to working with the Leading Safe and Accepting Schools project lead and project coordinator as we benefit from their field experience and knowledge in the area of safe and accepting schools.

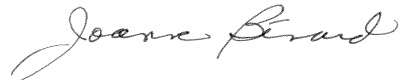
As they embark in this new venture, Kim and Joe will be coordinating focus group discussions and visits with Safe Schools' representatives from districts across the province. This will provide insight on successes and challenges that have been experienced during the ongoing implementation of the Safe School's policies. This information will be used to create a survey that will be distributed to Safe Schools' leads before the end of the school year. Kim and Joe will be communicating with districts in the near future in order to share relevant details regarding their next steps and the purpose of the survey results. Your involvement and participation will be critical to our work in supporting you in the implementation of the Safe and Accepting Schools work.

We are pleased to inform you that the development of the *Self-Assessment Tools for System Leaders* and the *Self-Assessment Tools for Aspiring System Leaders* is progressing well and will be made available on the IEL website by the end of June 2014. These tools will be interactive and are aligned with the OLF. The tools will enable system leaders and aspiring system leaders to assess their leadership practices and identify areas of focus.

The IEL will be offering a one-day orientation session on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 for both English and French language newly appointed supervisory officers. Feedback from previous orientation sessions indicated that participants appreciated the opportunity to discuss their priorities, perspectives, successes and challenges in small group discussions with Ministry of Education representatives and with other colleagues in the province. More detailed information will be provided in August.

We would like to encourage you to send us your resources to post on APPLIKI. The IEL coordinator, Jeanine Beauchemin, will be pleased to assist in posting these resources for you. We value the opportunity to share resources with school and 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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