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Dear Colleagues in Education,

The Institute for Education Leadership (IEL) is pleased to provide you with an update of the activities undertaken this past school year along with key developments, which you may find useful.

We are pleased to inform you that phases one and two of the Safe and Accepting Schools implementation project are now completed. A new website was created and is available at [www.safeacceptingschools.ca](http://www.safeacceptingschools.ca). This IEL website features the latest resources and best practices related to the whole school approach to ensuring safe and accepting schools.

In addition, the professional learning sessions related to the Ontario Leadership Framework 2012 offered by professional associations for school and system leaders are now complete. We hope the information shared at these sessions will assist boards with the development of their leadership plan and the integration of the Framework into their practice.

The IEL and CODE have commissioned Professor Kenneth Leithwood to conduct research on *Strong Districts and Their Leaders* and a paper has been completed. This document identifies significant recommendations for the succession planning and talent development of senior administrators. These findings will continue to inform the OLF.

The Self Assessment Tools (SAT) have been revised to reflect the personal resources and leadership practices presented in the Ontario Leadership Framework 2012. The final versions of the SATs are now available on the IEL web site at [www.education-leadership-ontario.ca](http://www.education-leadership-ontario.ca). This interactive resource can be used to inform professional practice that is critical in building strong and ongoing leadership development.

Again this year, the IEL will offer a one-day orientation session for both English and French language newly appointed supervisory officers on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The keynote speaker, Professor Kenneth Leithwood, will provide his recent findings regarding strong districts and their leadership. 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. This session will provide a great opportunity for networking with other colleagues in the province.

We are pleased to inform you that the Transition to the Role of Principals/Vice-Principals Project is progressing as planned. As part of the data collection for this project, individual interviews were conducted in both English and French and five sessions with focus groups were held in May. This project will continue into the next school year.

We invite you to visit the IEL website and to share your resources with all educators by posting them on APPLIKI. The IEL coordinator, Jeanine Beauchemin, will be communicating with BLDS leads on a regular basis to update them on recent posts and sharing of resources. We value the opportunity to share resources to 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 next school year.



Joanne Bénard  
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