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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.

As indicated in our last communication, we are pleased to inform you that phase one of the Safe and Accepting Schools Toolkit Project is now completed and is now available on the IEL web site www.education-leadership-ontario.ca in both languages. 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. A feedback link is located on the website: http://live.iel.immix.ca/safeandacceptingschools/en_CA.

Phase two of the project is now underway where 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 to reflect all systems. We are aiming to complete this phase of the project by the end of December 2012.

In the Spring of 2013, we plan to offer training sessions to school and system leaders across the province to support the implementation of the Safe 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.

Again this year, the IEL is pleased to offer a seminar series to a group of Directors of Education that have requested additional professional development sessions with Professor Emeritus Kenneth Leithwood. These next sessions will be held on December 13, April 12 and May 21. An additional session will be scheduled to accommodate the French language Directors of Education with CODELF. This date will be confirmed as soon as possible.

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 regular 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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