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NORTHEASTERN CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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Information Available on the Ministry of Education Website about SPECIAL EDUCATION

Dear Parents and Guardians.

This letter is to share that updated information is available on the Ministry of Education public website concerning special education. Below you will find a list of topics which are described in detail on the Ministry of Education Special Education public website: www.edu.gov.on.ca

OVERVIEW

- An introduction to Special Education in Ontario
- The Identification, Placement, and Review Committee
- The Individual Education Plan Process
- Transition Planning
- Ministry Support for Special Education
- Questions and Answers: Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders

RESOLVING IDENTIFICATION OR PLACEMENT ISSUES

Procedures for Parents/Guardians

POLICY DIRECTION

- The Education Act on Special Education
- Special Education Regulations
- Special Education Policy Documents
- Policy/Program Memoranda Concerning Special Education
- Funding for Special Education
- Standards for School Boards' Special Education Plans
- Individual Education Plans: Standards for Development, Program Planning, and Implementation

SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCE DOCUMENTS

- Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education
- Special Education Tribunals
- Special Needs Opportunity Window (SNOW)
- Web Based Teaching Tool (WBTT)

Please note that the Ministry of Education will revise its special education public website to facilitate easy access for parents, teachers, administrators and student by providing the following:

- ✓ Access to School Board Special Education Plans and Parent Guides to Special Education
- ✓ Updated Resources and Policy Documents
- ✓ Roles and Responsibilities of School Boards and Parents
- ✓ Individual Education Plans Samples
- ✓ Links to School Board Profiles
- ✓ A Special Education Update that describes new and ongoing special education initiatives
- ✓Questions and Answers for parents in relation to various issues concerning special education
- ✓ Regional Special Education Offices and Public Enquiries contact information

We hope you find this information valuable as you continue to work in partnership with your child's school team. Should you have any questions or concerns, you are invited to contact your local Catholic school principal.

Sincerely,

Tricia Stefanic Weltz

Superintendent of Education