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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairpersons and Directors of Education
- All Catholic District School Boards

FROM: Patrick J. Daly, President

SUBJECT: Education Services Agreements and Reverse Tuition Working Group for Indigenous Students

As you are aware, the Ministry of Education has established a working group to review and update existing guidelines with respect to Education Services Agreements (“ESAs”) and Reverse Tuition Agreements (“RESAs”) with Indigenous students. Stephen Andrews, Director of Legislative and Political Affairs (OCSTA) and Phyllis Eikre of Kenora Catholic District School Board are our representatives on this working group.

The working group’s terms of reference include:

- Analyzing technical issues relating to the calculation of fees for ESAs, including the calculation of additional fees for indigenous language studies, special education and/or pupil accommodation charges;
- Analyzing options for proposed legislative amendments related to ESAs and RESAs;
- Making recommendations to the Ministry of Education on ESAs/RESAs.

In order to support OCSTA representatives on this working group, we would respectfully request that you provide any information, concerns and potential impacts on your board to Stephen Andrews directly by email sandrews@ocsta.on.ca. We will keep you informed on the progress of the working group and any policy or legislation recommendations it makes to the Ministry.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Stephen Andrews at sandrews@ocsta.on.ca.

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