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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Directors of Education

**FROM:** Kevin Kobus  
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**DATE:** October 1, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Disposition of Surplus Schools

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Current Ministry policy provides that the capacity of schools offered at no cost to coterminous boards and the Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC) by December 31 will be removed from the board's inventory used to calculate Grants for New Pupil Places in the following academic year.

On September 27, 2004 the Minister indicated in his letter to Chairs of School Boards that although the requested moratorium on school closures would end in October, the ministry is embarking on a facilities review that would impact how future accommodation decisions are to be made. As a result, he requested that boards wait until the facilities review is completed before making further decisions regarding school closures. Since the review is anticipated to be completed by the end of November, the findings of this review would not be known in time for boards to meet the December 31 date this year.

Accordingly, I am writing at this time to advise you that the capacity of schools offered at no cost to coterminous boards and the Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC) between January 1, 2004 and April 30, 2005 will be removed from the board's inventory used to calculate Grants for New Pupil Places in 2005-06.

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