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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Senior Business Officials

FROM: Andrew Davis
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DATE: April 5, 2019

SUBJECT: **Provincial Working Group on Health and Safety –
High Temperature Guidelines**

Under the *Education Act*, school boards are responsible for the provision of suitable and adequate accommodation for students in their jurisdiction. School boards are also required to have protocols in place to handle high temperatures in schools that are compliant with provincial and municipal health and safety requirements.

With expertise from various representatives from all the province's trustee associations, teacher federations, education worker unions and the principals' and vice-principals' associations, the High Temperature Guideline is a helpful tool that school boards can utilize to create suitable protocols to ensure the safety of their students and staff. The Guideline outlines the health risks, ministry requirements, prevention and reactive measures, and additional resources to aid school boards in forming their own standard practices to manage heat in schools.

I would like to thank the PWGHS for offering their time and expertise towards producing the Guideline. Their insight and attention will ensure that the Guideline will be effective in assisting school boards to ensure the safety of their students and staff.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Attachment A: PWGHS High Temperature Guideline

Attachment B: Appendix A – High Temperature Guideline Reference Chart