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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors

FROM: Cheri Hayward
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DATE: April 26, 2010

SUBJECT: Inventory of Green Initiatives in Ontario Schools

COSBO's E & E Advisory Committee has recently initiated a project to support the sector in implementing green initiatives.

In November 2009, GENIVAR Ontario Limited was awarded the RFP to create a database of all existing green initiatives in the sector.

An online survey will be used to collect the data from each board. To facilitate the data collection process, an Excel template will act as a pre-survey to identify only those sites/technologies that will require a full survey to be completed.

GENIVAR will contact the Senior Plant Official for each board and email a template with pre-populated sites.

I ask that you identify the most appropriate individual in your board to review and complete the Excel pre-survey and forward this request to them.

The deadline for completing the pre-survey varies from one to three weeks, dependent on the size of the board. The applicable deadline for your board will be conveyed with the pre-survey.

The survey will collect information on implemented green technologies in the categories of:

- power generation;
- energy efficiency; and,
- water use.

This research will assist us in developing an overarching understanding of what green technologies have been implemented in schools and facilities and be the basis of a resource document for the sector.

The final document will be a valuable tool to boards considering implementing a new green technology as they can benefit from the experience of boards that have already completed a green initiative and build on that knowledge.

Your experiences and input are greatly valued and important to the success of this project.

If you have any questions about the Inventory of Green Initiatives, please contact Karen Carter, Senior Policy Advisor, Energy Procurement and Conservation at 416 212-3179 or karen.carter2@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



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