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MEMORANDUM TO: School Business Officials

FROM: Fiona Menzies
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DATE: March 1, 2012

SUBJECT: Green Schools Pilot Initiative – Next Steps

I am writing to school boards participating in the Green Schools Pilot Initiative (GSPI) to request confirmation of your GSPI financial expenditure and outline next steps, as we wrap-up this initiative.

As we are in the process of updating the GSPI tabled allocation in the 2009-10 Grants for Student Needs (GSN), to reflect potential under spending, boards must ensure that their GSPI expenditure reported in the Education Finance Information System (EFIS) is current and accurate. Please also complete and return the attached form (complete columns B, C and D), which is to track your financial expenditure and contractual obligations (committed funds). The attached worksheet is to be returned to the Ministry by March 16th, 2012.

Please remember, as outlined in **Memorandum 2009: SB30**, GSPI funding provided to participating school boards must meet the Ministry of Education's definition of capital (e.g. depreciable asset, as identified in the Tangible Capital Asset Guide). If a board's capital expenditure is less than the allocated amount, the board is required to place the difference into a reserve fund, as specified in the 2009-10 GSN (O.Reg. 9/10, s. 60.2).

I would also like to take this opportunity to communicate the remaining next steps. We are currently reviewing your submitted performance metrics with our partner Ministry, the Ministry of Economic Development and Innovation, MEDI (formerly the Ministry of Research and Innovation, MRI). MEDI is following up with the participating companies to request additional information and, where required, we will follow up with the respective boards to obtain, validate and/or clarify performance data. As well, a survey

will be sent out to the lead boards who will be required to coordinate their responses with their partner boards (participating companies have received a similar survey).

I appreciate your ongoing co-operation as we gather these remaining details. If you have any questions, please contact Hitesh Chopra, Senior Policy Advisor at hitesh.chopra@ontario.ca or (416) 325-1887.

Original signed by:

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cc: Directors of Education
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