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MEMORANDUM TO: Superintendents of Plant
School Business Officials
Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities

FROM: Nancy Whynot
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DATE: July 3, 2012

SUBJECT: Condition Assessment Program Update

On June 29, 2012, VFA Canada purchased Altus Capital Planning and the Ministry's contract for the Condition Assessment Program, with the Ministry's approval.

In accepting the assignment of the contract, VFA Canada has agreed to support all the deliverables of the Conditional Assessment Program.

VFA Canada, based in Burnaby, British Columbia, has clients such as the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Infrastructure Ontario, a variety of universities and colleges, and the British Columbia Ministry of Education. For these clients, VFA Canada offers a mix of services, including asset management software and facilities asset management and planning services.

Highlights:

- VFA Canada's purchase of Altus Capital Planning was completed June 29, 2012.
- Boards will see no significant changes as a result of the change in ownership.
- The Ministry will provide an update in the fall.

Ownership Transition

The Condition Assessment Program is a priority for the Ministry because it provides high-quality data on the condition of education facilities, assists boards and the Ministry in meeting accountability requirements, and supports effective school board renewal and infrastructure planning. The Ministry recognizes that continuity, consistency and the preservation of data are critical to the program's success.

As a result of the change in ownership, boards should notice few changes:

- Access to and support for the TCPS™ asset management database continues, with no disruption of service.
- Condition assessments continue.
- Key contacts remain the same.

In the months ahead, the Ministry will work with VFA Canada to review ongoing program implementation. The Ministry expects to provide an update to boards in the fall. The Technical Advisory Committee of school board staff continues to advise the Ministry on program implementation.

Key Staff Contacts

Key contacts for the Condition Assessment Program remain the same, although some email addresses have changed:

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Users will be notified if the webportal address www.edu-altus.com changes in the future.

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Sincerely,

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cc: Directors of Education