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MEMORANDUM TO: Senior Business Officials
Planning Managers

FROM: Grant Osborn
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DATE: **July 15, 2015**

SUBJECT: **Implementation of revised Pupil Accommodation
Review Guideline and Community Planning and
Partnerships Guideline**

I am writing as a follow-up to **Memorandum 2015: B09, Release of the New Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline and Community Planning and Partnerships Guideline** to remind you of the requirement for boards to revise their pupil accommodation review policy and community planning and partnerships policy to reflect the new guidelines released by the Ministry. As well, I am writing to ask boards to update the Ministry on the status of your board's progress in revising these policies.

Highlights:

- School boards are asked to complete an online survey indicating their progress in updating their Pupil Accommodation Review and Community Planning and Partnerships policies.
- Responses are due by July 29, 2015.

In March 2015, the Ministry introduced a new Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline (PARG) and a new Community Planning and Partnerships Guideline (CPPG), formerly the Facility Partnerships Guideline. Both of these new guidelines supercede and replace the prior versions.

The Ministry requires that school boards revise their current pupil accommodation review policy and community planning and partnerships policy prior to announcing any new pupil accommodation reviews. The PARG is a key element of the Ministry's School Board Efficiencies and Modernization (SBEM) initiative to encourage school boards to make more efficient use of school space. The CPPG is part of the strategy to support broader planning discussions with municipalities and community organizations in managing excess space and the use of surplus facilities.

The Ministry would like to gauge the progress of school boards in undertaking the revisions and local policy approval processes required to transition to the revised PARG and revised CPPG.

School boards are asked to complete the following online survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZMH2XKY>

The survey expires on July 29, 2015. A copy of the survey questions is attached to this memorandum, for your information.

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If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Mathew Thomas, Manager, Capital Policy and Programs Branch, at (416) 326-9920 or Mathew.P.Thomas@ontario.ca

Sincerely,

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