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Memorandum To: Directors of Education
Director, Provincial Schools Branch

From: Nancy Matthews
Deputy Minister

Date: June 21, 2016

Subject: Student Injury Prevention Initiative: Update and Funding

I am pleased to inform you that the *Student Injury Prevention Initiative (SIPI)* will be extended to include a third phase and an additional \$1.2 million investment. *SIPI: Phase Three* will focus on building school board capacity to support long-term planning so that student injury prevention and safety can be approached in a sustained, proactive and systematic way.

A key initial objective of SIPI was to help establish and maintain a culture of safety mindedness in all school boards and schools as well as ensure that student injury prevention and safety is the highest of priorities for all. To date, the ministry has provided almost \$16 million in funding and resources to support implementation of this initiative.

The Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE) will continue its leadership role to co-ordinate *Phase Three*. The CODE health and safety team is being expanded to offer a broader range of expertise and will be available to school boards for advisory support upon request. In the very near future, CODE will contact each of your boards to provide details about *Phase Three* and your allocations.

The first component of *SIPI: Phase Three* will help to inform a provincial policy for student injury prevention and safety in order to establish clear and consistent provincial standards for schools and school boards.

I thank you for your ongoing efforts and collaboration as we move forward to improve student injury prevention and safety in Ontario schools.

Should you require additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact your Regional Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Matthews". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Nancy Matthews

c: Frank Kelly, Executive Director, CODE
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