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Memorandum To:

Chief Administrative Officers, CMSMs/DSSABs
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From:

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Date:

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Subject:

Journey Together Early Years Commitments – CMSM/DSSAB
Capacity Funding Allocations

The purpose of this memo is to provide service system managers with their approved capacity funding allocations to support the implementation of the Ministry of Education's (EDU's) early years initiatives under *The Journey Together: Ontario's Commitment to Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples*.

The *Journey Together* early years initiative is intended to enhance access to culturally relevant, Indigenous-led early years programs and services off-reserve, including child care and child and family programs. One-time capacity funding is available to Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSMs) and District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSABs), as well as the six key provincial Indigenous partner organizations who have been engaged in *Journey Together* planning with the ministry over the past several months. Memos and application templates were released to the sector on November 3, 2016, and applications were due to the ministry on November 30.

Capacity funding is intended to support Indigenous organizations and CMSMs/DSSABs to engage in meaningful collaborative discussions with one another, and to support the development of proposals for expanded access to culturally-relevant child care and child and family programs. Please find enclosed your transfer payment agreement (TPA) and a Capacity Funding Attestation. Please note that signed TPAs must be received by EDU no later than **March 15, 2017**. Payments are expected to be released in April 2017, though earlier submission of your signed agreement may allow for your payment to be released in March.

Additional information regarding the format and content of local proposals will follow in the coming weeks. Please note that in response to feedback regarding project timelines and the need to foster strong working relationships at the local level, the due date for proposals has been extended to **May 31, 2017**.

Key Timelines:

- Signed CMSM/DSSAB TPAs submitted to ministry: **no later than March 15, 2017**
- Joint local proposals due to ministry: **May 31, 2017**
- Capacity funds spent in full: **May 31, 2017**
- Capacity funding attestation report due to ministry: **July 31, 2017**

Thank you for your submissions and for your continued leadership and commitment to this initiative. We look forward to our ongoing collaboration.

Sincerely,



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