MACSE Report OPSBA

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- New MACSE Chair Mr. Joe Travato, Psychologist
 New MACSE Vice Chair Mr. Robert Savage, Emotional / Behavioural
- All 72 school boards received funding for a Mental Health Leader in 2013-14.
- PPM 8 on Learning Disabilities is currently in edit with an anticipated release date of spring 2014. Implementation of the revised PPM is targeted for September 2014.
- MACSE members viewed the introduction of the mental health and addictions video resource prepared by the ministry to support educator's implementation of the Strategy in the classroom. MACSE members provided input to the ministry on mental health and addictions challenges for various special education needs / exceptionality groups.
- The ministry continues to provide school boards with funds to support Learning for All K-12 Regional Projects that focus on: educators "knowing your student" and "students knowing themselves as learners" as student self-efficacy is key to their achievement and well-being, fostering continuous improvement of IEPs as a critical tool in driving student achievement and well-being for students with special education needs, developing a plan and identifying effective practices to implement
- MACSE members reviewed their focus areas for 2013-14 and discussed upcoming priorities.
- Two working groups were established and are as follows:
 Full Day Kindergarten and early identification
 Special Education exceptionalities / guidelines / intervention

MACSE's next meeting is scheduled for June 24 and 25, 2014.

I encourage anyone with issues they wish me to bring forward to the committee to complete a Community Collaboration form as soon as possible. This form is posted on the OPSBA web site along with latest updates. I would also ask people to share any success stories as well.

If you have any questions please forward them to me at your convenience.

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