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Memorandum to: Directors of Education
Supervisory Officers and Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities
Executive Director, Provincial and Demonstration Schools Branch

From: Denise Dwyer
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Subject: Resources and Training to support Policy/Program Memorandum no. 166: Keeping Students Safe: Policy Framework for School Board Anti-Sex Trafficking Protocols ([PPM 166](#))

As a follow up to the release of the new anti-sex trafficking policy framework for school boards, [Policy/Program Memorandum no. 166: Keeping Students Safe: Policy Framework for School Board Anti-Sex Trafficking Protocols](#), we are pleased to share information on resources and training supports that are being made available to school boards.

We understand that school boards will have a number of demands placed upon them over the 2021-22 school year to support student re-engagement and continued enhanced health and safety measures. The resources and training supports provided today are meant to support school boards with core foundational knowledge and materials that can be customized as school boards develop their local protocols to meet the implementation timeline outlined in the new policy for January 31, 2022.

To support implementation, the ministry is committed to supporting school boards and school staff with training and tools to recognize, identify, respond and prevent the sex trafficking of children and youth. The new measures include:

- Identifying anti-sex trafficking as one of the mandatory [PA day topics](#) for 2021-22.
- Developing a PowerPoint presentation to support the PA day, to be made available in the ministry's [Virtual Learning Environment \(VLE\)](#) in August 2021.
- Launching a dedicated e-community on Anti-Sex Trafficking within the VLE that will serve as a repository for all the resources being made available. A number of new resources will be available in August and the site will be updated as new resources are developed throughout the 2021-22 school year. The e-community

will also serve as a community of practice where school boards will be able to share locally developed resources.

In addition, we will release a webinar-style video for school boards in August to provide foundational information on the new policy and information on resources and supports that are available for the successful implementation of PPM 166. The video will be made available in the ministry's [VLE](#).

The ministry is also working closely with the support of the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to offer the following anti-sex trafficking resources to support initial school board planning related to PPM 166:

- [The Trap](#): A human trafficking digital education tool, to be facilitated by an adult, that teaches children and youth about human trafficking and equips them with the skills to stay safe.
- [Speak Out: Stop Sex Trafficking](#): An Indigenous-focused educational campaign designed by and for Indigenous people to help leaders and caregivers facilitate conversations about sexual exploitation and human trafficking with youth, to raise awareness and provide support.
- [Classroom Resources](#): Educational [resources and lesson plans](#) for secondary school educators on child sexual exploitation developed by White Ribbon.
- [Human trafficking services and supports](#): A list of dedicated services and supports across Ontario that help victims, survivors and persons at risk of human trafficking.

This memo includes the following attachments for your reference:

- Human Trafficking – Foundational Information for School Boards and School Staff. This is a PowerPoint presentation with general information on human trafficking, including sex trafficking.
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Document. This provides answers to common questions about PPM 166.

Thank you for your continued commitment to keeping Ontario's students safe.

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Attachments:

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