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Memorandum to: Directors of Education
Secretary/Treasurers of School Authorities

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Subject: Important Update Regarding the Canadian GED

We are writing to provide an update on the Canadian version of the GED which is currently in use in Ontario.

The General Educational Development (GED)[®] test allows adults who have not finished secondary school the opportunity to earn an Ontario High School Equivalency Certificate signed by the Minister of Education. TVO Independent Learning Centre is Ontario's sole provider of the GED test. Information about the GED is available through TVO.

The current Canadian version of the GED will continue to be available until Spring 2024, and will continue to be a viable way to earn a high school equivalency certificate in Ontario. See <https://ged.ilc.org/> for important information and dates. Candidates must register to write the GED by January 31, 2024 and must schedule their test dates by March 31, 2024. After this date, Canadians will no longer be able to schedule a test date for the current version of the GED, based on a decision by Pearson Vue GED Testing Service (GEDTS) to no longer provide the testing service in Canada.

It is a priority to ensure that adults in Ontario continue to have access to education opportunities which empower them to develop and demonstrate the skills and knowledge that can help advance their lives and reach their potential.

Adult learners can continue to access Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) through school boards to earn their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

The ministry is also working with other Canadian jurisdictions and TVO regarding possible future opportunities. More information will be available in the future.

Sincerely,

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cc: Paul Cox, Executive Director, Ontario Association of Adult and
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