MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education

FROM: Bernadette Beaupre, Executive Director
Lori Neale, Project Coordinator
Ontario Association of Adult and Continuing Education
School Board Administrators

DATE: August 24, 2017

SUBJECT: Improving Outcomes for Adult Learners in OSSD Programs using Action Research

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The Ministry of Education is funding The Ontario Association of Adult and Continuing Education School Board Administrators (CESBA) to coordinate and support adult and continuing education research projects.

Participants in the 2017/18 research project will work collaboratively in teams to create a research plan focused on one of the following 4 topic areas:

1. Information, intake, assessment and referral;
2. Career counselling, guidance and pathway planning, including transition to college;
3. Role of PLAR for Mature Students in credit accumulation and OSSD completion;
4. Flexible delivery of programs and services.

Boards that participate in this project are eligible for up to $4000 to fund their work.

Objectives:

- Provide opportunities for boards to make better evidence-based programming decisions, increase their effective use of data, continue to develop the inquiry/research process, and generate knowledge that informs thinking at the provincial level.
- Provide opportunities for professional development, resource sharing and networking among school board Adult and Continuing Education programs.
- Provide opportunities for further development in the areas of flexible delivery of programs and services, intake and guidance, PLAR for mature students, and career counselling and pathway planning (includes transition to college).

Process:

- Signed approval of Director or Superintendent responsible for adult and continuing education;
- Application by email to CESBA Project Coordinator (Lori Neale) by 4 pm on October 6, 2017;
- Participation in a full day inservice on November 7, 2017 in Toronto;

- Participation in one hour conference calls (January 15 and February 12, 2018);
- Participation in a full-day research symposium to share your findings on May 24, 2018 in Toronto

***Note: additional funding is available to cover travel and accommodation costs at ministry rates for two participants per board for the November and May events in Toronto.**

For further information about this project, please contact Lori Neale, Project Coordinator, at (416) 597-1904 or by email at lneale@cesba.com.

Thank you for your interest and ongoing support for adult and continuing education.

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