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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities
Principals of Secondary Schools
Principals of Provincial and Demonstration Schools

FROM: Kevin Costante
Deputy Minister

DATE: August 4, 2011

RE: **Dual Credit Policy and Implementation – 2011-12**

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you that *Dual Credit Policy and Implementation – 2010* remains in effect and is to be used in implementing dual credit programs as approved through the School-College-Work Initiative (SCWI) for the 2011-12 school year. The document can be accessed on the Student Success section of the Ministry web site at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/teachers/studentssuccess/dual.html>

As in the past, only students in approved School-College-Work Initiative dual credit programs may count dual credits toward the OSSD, following the provisions set out in the document. Directors are asked to ensure that all secondary school principals, particularly those new to their role, are aware of the policy and procedural details that are contained in the document. It's also important to highlight the key role that secondary school Student Success Teams play in the careful selection of appropriate students for admission into dual credit programs.

SCWI is co-funded by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, and co-managed under the leadership of the Council of Ontario Directors of Education and the Committee of (College) Presidents. SCWI and its infrastructure of 16 Regional Planning Teams involve high school teachers and administrators and college faculty and administrators.

In 2011-12, SCWI is funding 450 dual credit programs, involving all 70 district school boards with secondary schools, all 24 colleges of applied arts and technology and approximately 15,000 secondary school students.

We are encouraged by the success students have achieved in dual credit programs. These programs are effective strategies in our continuing efforts to re-engage students who are often more successful when they see the relevance of what they are learning to their interests and future plans and when they have developed increased confidence in their ability to achieve their goals.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to student success.

Kevin Costante

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