



## **Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education – Collaborating with the Community: An Opportunity for OSSTF/FEESO Input**

To: District/Bargaining Unit Presidents  
From: Ken Coran, President

### **For Immediate Action**

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation is inviting front line participation in communication with the Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education (MACSE). For the past several years Community Collaboration forms have been sporadically distributed to seek feedback from educational workers regarding current practices, challenges and possible solutions.

Three Community Collaboration templates (English and French) have been designed to assist the general public when providing feedback to MACSE. The templates include the standard generic form and newly created forms related to mental health and transitions (see attached).

OSSTF/FEESO members are being encouraged to complete the Communication: Collaborating with the Community forms. This will provide our members the opportunity to express concerns about the impact of new mental health initiatives being implemented in boards.

Given recent developments with government multi-ministry initiatives, Federation leaders are asked to encourage member participation and to use this opportunity to make submissions to MACSE. MACSE has an advisory role to the Minister on matters relating to special education. The challenges that OSSTF/FEESO members are currently experiencing, particularly with the number of community agency partnerships that are being developed, should be highlighted.

Please encourage your members to complete the forms by **no later than February 1, 2012**. Completed forms should be sent to the attention of Suzette Clark [clarks@osstf.on.ca](mailto:clarks@osstf.on.ca) or fax 416.751.7079. Member submissions will be forwarded to MACSE for the February 8-9, 2012 meeting. Any questions can be directed to Suzette Clark.

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**February 8-9, 2012**

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- Are you aware of the **Provincial Mental Health and Addictions Strategy**, and if so, have you observed any key changes or results in your community?
- Do you have any information to share or recommendations related to mental health and addictions for the group you represent?

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