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**MEMORANDUM**

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2017-2018: 227

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**ATTENTION: Elementary Administrators**

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**SUBJECT: EARLY YEARS PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY OPPORTUNITY FOR  
KINDERGARTEN EDUCATORS – MAY 18, 2018**

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**DETAILS:**

Ongoing professional learning is critical to the growth and development of educators and the success of students. In response to feedback from Kindergarten educators, optional professional learning sessions are being co-planned and co-delivered collaboratively by the Simcoe County Local Designated Early Childhood Educators (DECEs) and the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) for the afternoon of May 18, 2018 (see APPENDIX A for the different sessions locations). A minimum of 20 participants is required for any given session to run. These sessions have been planned to support the professional learning of the Kindergarten classroom team, as such, it is recommended that DECEs and their teaching partner attend together.

Elementary Teacher's Federation of Ontario (ETFO) occasional teachers, as part of their one day of paid professional learning during the 2017-2018 school year, may also choose to attend these sessions.

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**ACTION:**

1. Depending on what is planned from the afternoon school-based professional learning, administrators may make Kindergarten educators aware of the contents of this NM. This is an opportunity for these educator teams to receive Early Years focused professional learning, but it is the school principal's decision if the team can be released to attend this optional learning.
  2. SCETFO is asked to ensure ETFO occasional teachers are aware of the contents of this NM.
  3. Interested participants are asked to register via the staff registration utility at <http://staff.scdsb.on.ca> before May 11, 2018.
  4. ETFO occasional teachers must sign the attendance form in order to validate attendance and be paid for the afternoon.
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Superintendent Chris Samis  
May 3, 2018

**Early Years Professional Learning Sessions  
May 18, 2018**

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>SESSION NAME</b>
<b>Bradford</b> Chris Hadfield Public School 211 West Park Ave., Bradford, ON	<b>Continuous Professional Learning (CPL) for Early Childhood Educators</b>
<b>Orillia</b> Harriet Todd Public School 11 George St, Orillia, ON	<b>Documentation using Floor Books</b>
<b>Barrie</b> Hyde Park Public School 72 The Queensway, Barrie, ON	<b>Indigenous Cultural Awareness Training</b>
<b>Stayner</b> Clearview Meadows Elementary School 12 Locke Ave, Stayner, ON	<b>Literacy and Math Embedded in Play</b>
<b>Midland</b> Mundy's Bay Public School 340 Sixth St, Midland, ON	<b>Self-Regulation in the Early Years</b>