

April 12, 2017

Memorandum to: Employment Ontario Network

From: Sheldon Levy
Deputy Minister, Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills
Development

Subject: Release of 2016 Literacy and Basic Skills Program Evaluation

I am pleased to share the final report of the evaluation of the Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) program with the Employment Ontario community, which is now posted on the [Employment Ontario Partners' Gateway](#).

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank service providers, support organizations and learners who generously gave their time to provide the rich, detailed data and feedback, which makes this report so useful.

The Ontario government is committed to helping everyone develop the skills necessary to succeed in an increasingly competitive, knowledge and technology-driven economy.

In June 2016, the government received the Premier's Highly Skilled Workforce (HSW) Expert Panel's report *Building the Workforce of Tomorrow: A Shared Responsibility*, and accepted all of the Panel's recommendations. The Highly Skilled Workforce strategy puts talent and skills at the very heart of Ontario's plan for inclusive economic growth.

Delivering excellent public services with greater efficiency and effectiveness is a key priority for our government, and we will continue our efforts to modernize and transform our employment and training system to provide high quality services to Ontarians.

As part of this ministry's commitment to working with the LBS program network, we would like to convene a conversation with the network about the evaluation findings this spring. This engagement and dialogue will help inform and prioritize the next steps in the continuous improvement of the LBS program.

We know that the LBS network has an unyielding commitment to its learners. MAESD shares this commitment, and the process of improvement and change will be foremost a collaborative one. We look forward to working with all our key partners to improve literacy and essential skills training in Ontario. We will be sending details shortly about the engagement process.

Sincerely,

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