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**2018 OCEA Spring Conference**  
**April 22nd, 23rd & 24th, 2018**  
**The Westin Prince, Toronto**  
**900 York Mills Road**  
**North York, ON M3B 3H2**

Our annual conference is a great way to network with your colleagues, get updates from the MOE and MOL, and fill your toolbox!

This could be a GREAT opportunity to see what the Ministry has released!

Keep checking our website for further details!!  
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#### FROM THE MINISTRY



Congratulations to the OCEA planning team on the recent Fall Symposium: *Advancing the Workforce...One Experience at a Time*. It was a great opportunity for delegates to network, share ideas and learn together. The Symposium also provided the ministry with an opportunity to continue to share information about the new cooperative education curriculum and the revised policy. OCEA members are encouraged to submit questions they may have related to the new co-op curriculum, courses and/or revised policy to help inform the implementation training sessions in the Spring 2018 when we anticipate the release of the new Cooperative Education document to: <http://bit.ly/2gykizp>

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, in addition to announcing enhancements to the Career Studies course, Minister Hunter confirmed the government's commitment to expanding experiential learning opportunities for students in all grades, courses and programs – from kindergarten to adult learners: [Financial and Digital Literacy Coming To Career Studies Course Next September](#).

#### CAREER CRUISING (2017-18)

The ministry is providing an extension of the same license for Career Cruising for this school year (2017-18) in order to continue supporting students in their education and career/life planning including providing support for the development of their Individualized Pathways Plan (IPP).

Date: November 9, 2017

#### Memorandum to: Directors of Education

From:  
Marg Connor  
Director, Program Implementation Branch

Shirley Kendrick  
Director, Curriculum, Assessment and Student Success Policy Branch

Lillian Patry  
Director, French-Language Teaching and Learning Branch

Subject: 2017-18 Career Studies Projects

We are writing to inform you about the opportunity for teachers to participate in a project that will help inform the future direction of the Career Studies course. We would appreciate your help in forwarding the attached information to a board-level contact that can select at least one interested teacher. Names must be submitted by November 24, 2017.

All English, French, public and Catholic boards from across Ontario are invited to participate. Advice on choosing your board's representative can be found in the attached invitation. We will contact board-selected participants by December 1, 2017.

If you have further questions, please contact:  
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Thank you for your assistance,

**Attachments:**  
[Career Studies Project Invitation to Participate 2017-18](#)

[Career Studies Project Participant Information Form](#)