



## DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

# Briefing Notes

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**Topic:** Schools on the Move Lighthouse Program 2009-2010

- The Schools on the Move program was launched in 2006.
- As one of a number of LNS initiatives, *Schools on the Move* support schools learning with and from other schools across the province. Schools chosen symbolize the effort being made in many schools in improved student achievement, 35 more schools from many district school boards will join the initiative in 2009, Phase 4. They join approximately 100 schools identified in the prior 3 phases.
- Schools selected are diverse. The group includes schools that are "beating the odds" in improving learning for their students as well as schools that are demonstrating that improvement is always possible. These schools have made significant progress on grade 3 and 6 provincial assessments of reading, writing and mathematics. Improvement is a journey, and the Schools on the Move will be at different stages on that journey.
- Schools are part of boards and families of schools – their successes are linked to the contributions of those systems. Teachers learning within professional learning communities provide the foundation for student success. (teacher learning is a proxy for student learning). Improvement happens when a cluster of research-based teaching/learning strategies work to complement one another over time. Schools on the Move will be able to describe the teaching/learning strategies that were instrumental in their improvement so that others can learn from them.
- TCDSB Schools on the Move recognised for their success in student achievement for the 2009-2010 school year are:
  - St. Raymond
  - St. Gerald
  - St. John the Evangelist