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## 1.1

### What's New in 2011–12

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### **1.3 Background: Leadership in Ontario Schools**

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### **1.4 Context: The Ontario Leadership Strategy**

• **Ontario Leadership Strategy (OLS).**



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## Mentoring for Newly Appointed School Leaders



## 2.1 Why

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## **2.3** Mentoring Approaches

### **Mentoring**

### **Coaching**

### **Consulting**

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### **Collaborating**

### **Facilitation**

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## 3.1 Overview

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### Effective Practice

Refer to the ministry's leadership website for additional resources to guide the planning, implementation, and monitoring of mentoring:  
[www.ontario.ca/eduleadership](http://www.ontario.ca/eduleadership).

Further resources, workshops, and programs are also available through the Ontario Principals' Council (OPC), the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario (CPCO), and the Association des directions et directions adjointes des écoles franco-ontariennes (ADFO).

### 3.2 Eligible Newly Appointed School Leaders

### **3.3 Identification of Mentoring Goals**

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Examples of approaches that boards may take to develop goals:

- Identify mentoring as a strategy to support the SMART goals outlined in their board improvement plan for student achievement (e.g., articulating and sharing a clear vision for closing student achievement gaps).
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### **3.4 Establishing Operational Parameters**

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### **3.5**

### **Mentoring Lead and Board Leadership Development Strategy (BLDS) Steering Committee**



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### **Recruiting and Selecting Mentors**

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### **3.7** Matching Mentors and Mentees

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### **3.8** Roles and Responsibilities of Mentors and Mentees

	<b>Mentor</b>	<b>Mentee</b>
<b>Roles</b>	<p>( ) :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is not a supervisor of the mentee</li> <li>• has been carefully selected based on</li> <li>• has received high-quality training to</li> </ul>	/  3.2
<b>Responsibilities</b>	<p>, , ( . , , , , ,-14( )-287-, -14( )-287-</p> <hr/> <p>8.06972( 3( )2( ) 7(-1( )-12( )72 / 1)15( )-6)3( )-10( )8( )2( )-40( )-6( )10 1, 0 (-) ( )29(6( )-5( )-33( )-26)-48, 01( )-17( .)7(,-)1 .)74-6( )6( )-7( )-</p>	8.06972( 3( 68 ( )7) 0 -1(15( )3( ))-22( )

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## Initial and Ongoing Assessment of Mentee Learning Needs

- Use a preliminary needs assessment to inform the match between the mentor and mentee, based on the domains, practices, and competencies derived from the Ontario Leadership Framework (OLF).
- Mentors and mentees conduct an in-depth assessment of learning needs at the beginning of their mentoring relationship. They use this as a basis

### 3.10

## Joint Orientation





**3.14**    Exit Process

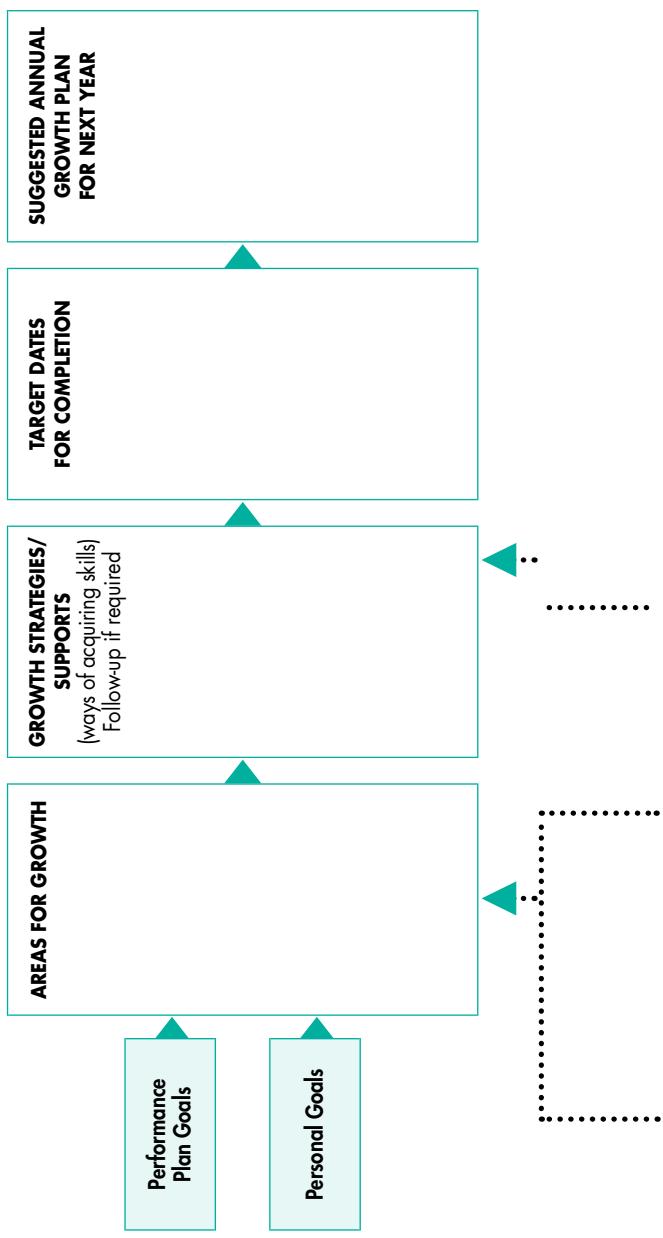
**3.15**    Monitoring and Evaluation

## 3.16 Reporting to the Ministry

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**Specific Focus Areas of Growth (Learning Goals)  
for Mentoring**

Mentee: \_\_\_\_\_

Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUGGESTED ANNUAL  
GROWTH PLAN  
FOR NEXT YEAR**

**TARGET DATES  
FOR COMPLETION**

- Fall
- Winter
- Ongoing, regular intervals

**GROWTH STRATEGIES/  
SUPPORTS**

- (ways of acquiring skills)
- Follow-up if required
- Attend board-sponsored workshops
  - Work with senior management staff and experienced school leaders to gain a better understanding of budgets and budgeting
  - Work with mentor to get tips and strategies on ways to align budget requests with school/board/provincial priorities

**AREAS FOR GROWTH**

- Gain an understanding of different ways in which to delineate budget priorities
- Explore program areas requiring financial support
- Work collaboratively with staff and school council to facilitate alignment of resources
- Align budget requests with school/board/provincial priorities

**Performance  
Plan Goals**

**Personal Goals**

**Leader Competencies**

- *Skills* – Collect and use a rich set of data to understand and assess the strengths and weaknesses of the school
- *Knowledge* – Understanding of accountability frameworks, including self-evaluation
- *Attitudes* – Commitment to individual, team, and whole-school accountability for student outcomes

**Leader Practices**

- *Leading the instructional program* – Ensures that learning is at the centre of planning and resource management
- *Securing accountability* – Supports the school council so it can participate actively and authentically in its advisory role

## Appendix

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### Mentoring for Newly Appointed School Leaders Implementation Continuum

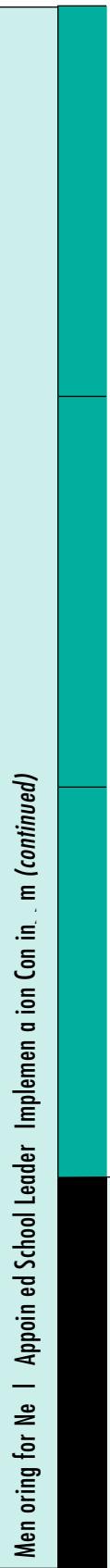
Indicator	Implementation	Building Capacity	Student Capacity
<b>1. Role of Mentoring Lead</b> The mentoring lead is identified by the director of education and informed of his or her role and responsibilities as a member of the board leadership development strategy (BLDS) Steering Committee.  The actions of the lead are supported by the BLDS Steering Committee. The roles of the BLDS lead and the mentoring lead can be fulfilled by the same person.	The lead: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>receives certified mentor training (required)</li> <li>demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of how the Ontario Leadership Framework (OLF) supports mentoring</li> <li>ensures that mentors and mentees are aware that the primary goal of mentoring is to develop school leaders who are focused on student achievement and well-being</li> <li>ensures that the board meets all requirements set out in A r m , 2011</li> <li>facilitates mentoring relationships within the board and serves as liaison between mentors and mentees</li> <li>provides the necessary supports to mentors and mentees (e.g., resources, examples of learning plan templates)</li> <li>makes connections between mentoring and the BLDS</li> </ul>	The lead: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ensures that the mentoring requirements are met through the monitoring process and revised as needed to best meet local needs and circumstances, and are in accordance with L r : r m , 2011</li> <li>provides ongoing support to mentees and mentors to address specific needs</li> <li>connects with leads in other boards to share effective practices and learn together about improving mentoring</li> <li>makes connections between mentoring and the BLDS</li> </ul>	The lead: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>makes enhancements to mentoring on the basis of monitoring and evaluation results and in accordance with provincial requirements set out in L r : r m , 2011</li> <li>reviews and refines support to help ensure that mentoring continues to be focused on student achievement and well-being</li> <li>provides continuous support to mentees and mentors, addressing specific needs as they arise</li> <li>enhances connections with leads in other boards in order to share effective practices and learn together about improving mentoring</li> <li>takes a system perspective on ongoing implementation and on the alignment of mentoring with other board and ministry initiatives</li> <li>incorporates mentoring as an integral component of the BLDS</li> <li>makes sure that connections between mentoring for newly appointed school leaders and other mentoring/coaching activities in the school board (e.g., New Teacher Induction Program, Student Success) are established and refined as appropriate</li> </ul>

Indicator	Implementation	Building Capacity	Student Capacity
<p><b>2. Identification of Mentoring Goals</b></p> <p>Mentoring is a key support for newly appointed school leaders and helps to attract the right people to the role. One clearly articulated mentoring goal that links with board improvement goals is developed for the board leadership development strategy (BLDS). For more information, refer to <i>Board Leadership Development, 2011</i>, including the Board Leadership Development Strategy Planning Template and Implementation Continuum, available at <a href="http://www.ontario.ca/eduleadership">www.ontario.ca/eduleadership</a>.</p>	<p>The lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identifies and communicates board mentoring goals that are specifically linked with the board strategic plan and the board improvement plan for student achievement</li> <li>refines board mentoring goals, based on monitoring and evaluation results</li> <li>enhances orientation and preparation of mentors and mentees by communicating linkages between mentoring, the BLDS, and ministry initiatives that are critical to the development of newly appointed school leaders</li> </ul> <p>The lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>monitors and evaluates the extent to which mentoring goals are being met and continue to meet the requirements of the board strategic plan and the board improvement plan for student achievement</li> <li>refines board mentoring goals, based on monitoring and evaluation results, on a continuous basis</li> </ul> <p>The lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>establishes standard procedures for monitoring and evaluating the extent to which mentoring goals are being met and continue to meet the requirements of the board strategic plan and the board improvement plan for student achievement</li> <li>refines board mentoring goals, based on monitoring and evaluation results, on a continuous basis</li> <li>includes a standard practice of communicating linkages between mentoring, the BLDS, and ministry initiatives that are critical to the development of newly appointed school leaders, as part of the orientation and preparation of mentors and mentees</li> </ul>		

Mentoring for New Appointed School Leader Implementation Committee (*continued*)



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Indicator	Implementation	Building Capacity	Sustaining Capacity
<b>7. Initial and Ongoing Assessment of Mentee Learning Needs</b> Boards support mentees in assessing their learning needs. Learning assessment guides the work of the mentor and mentee. A needs assessment tool is used to facilitate a match between mentor and mentee. In-depth learning assessments are used to focus ongoing mentoring work. Learning needs are reassessed on an ongoing basis.	The lead: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>establishes a process and identifies and shares tools that can be used to assess mentee learning needs and guide the mentoring process (e.g., uses a preliminary learning needs assessment to arrive at a good mentor/mentee match; uses in-depth learning assessments after mentoring begins)</li> </ul> Mentors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>work with mentees to identify needs and interests specific to their school context and demographics and their school improvement plan</li> </ul>	The lead: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>monitors activity to ensure that ongoing assessments of mentee learning needs are being used to guide the mentoring process</li> </ul> Mentors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>work with mentees to assess learning needs on an ongoing basis and revise the focus based on shifting needs and interests specific to their school context and demographics and their school improvement plan</li> </ul>	The lead: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>continues to seek out effective learning needs assessment tools and to build these into the mentoring process</li> <li>revisits the learning needs assessment tools and timelines, as needed, to best guide the mentoring process</li> <li>continues to monitor activity to ensure that ongoing assessments are being used to guide the mentoring process</li> <li>works with mentees to assess learning needs on an ongoing basis, and revise and refine the focus based on shifting needs and interests specific to their school context and demographics and their school improvement plan</li> <li>provide ongoing feedback to the mentoring lead about the effectiveness of the learning needs assessment tools and the implementation process</li> </ul> The lead: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>monitors the effectiveness of the orientation process by seeking feedback from mentors and mentees</li> <li>annually reviews and revises the orientation process for mentees and mentors based on monitoring and evaluation results, including feedback from mentees and mentors</li> </ul>
		<b>8. Joint Orientation</b> Mentoring expectations (role of the mentor and what the mentee can expect of the mentor) are clearly communicated to mentor and mentee. Orientation provides a foundation for ongoing professional learning (e.g., building trust and maintaining confidentiality; using the learning plan, the Ontario Leadership Framework, and the exit process).	

Mentoring for New Appointed School Leader Implementation Continuum (continued)	Indicator	Implementation	Building Capacity	Sustaining Capacity
<b>9. Training of Mentors</b> <p>Every mentor must have high-quality, specific training (e.g., certified, accredited training) before mentoring begins, and on an ongoing basis, as necessary, to refine and upgrade skills. Training is provided by internal (board) trainers or offered by external trainers through the principal associations and other providers.</p>	<p>The lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>must ensure that every new and experienced mentor receives certified training that focuses on the mentoring approaches (e.g., coaching, mentoring, consulting, facilitating, collaborating) and that is offered through the principal associations or other providers</li> </ul>	<p>The lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>coordinates certified training (offered by principal associations or other providers) to new and experienced mentors to refine and update their skills</li> <li>provides or arranges for training that focuses on the specific and changing needs of mentees</li> <li>aligns training with other mentoring initiatives within the board (e.g., New Teacher Induction Program [NTIP], Student Success)</li> </ul>	<p>The lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>monitors the effectiveness of training on an ongoing basis</li> <li>assesses and adapts training to meet the specific needs of new and experienced mentors, based on monitoring and evaluation results</li> <li>promotes and facilitates joint training for mentoring across the board in collaboration with NTIP, Student Success, Leading Student Achievement, and other employee groups</li> <li>develops a succession plan for identifying and training new mentors</li> </ul>	
	<b>10. Developing and Supporting Mentee Learning Plans</b> <p>Every mentor and mentee must use a learning plan to guide the mentoring process.</p> <p>The learning plan:</p> <p>is one of the first things the mentee collects or starts a learning log (log of learning) at T-20 (T-16.5 to T-1.6.5 weeks out).</p>			

Indicator	Implementation	Building Capacity	Supporting Capacity
<b>11. Ongoing Professional Learning (PL) and Resources</b>	<p>The lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>arranges ongoing PL for mentees and mentors that reflects current research, mentee and mentor feedback, and school, board, and provincial initiatives and priorities that are specific to the needs of mentors and mentees</li> <li>provides supports and resources to mentors and mentees on an ongoing basis in order to enhance the mentee's growth and development, as well as the mentor's learning experience</li> <li>participates in professional learning on an ongoing basis</li> </ul> <p>Professional learning is tailored to the mentee's learning needs and his or her particular school context.</p>	<p>The lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>promotes ongoing PL (e.g., emotional intelligence, conflict resolution, teacher performance appraisal); coordinates PL for mentees and mentors that reflects current research, mentee and mentor feedback, and school, board, and provincial initiatives and priorities</li> <li>assesses the effectiveness of PL and resources through monitoring and evaluation data, and either adapts existing resources or provides new resources based on feedback from mentors/mentees</li> <li>refines supports and resources provided to mentors and mentees on an ongoing basis in order to enhance the mentee's growth and development, as well as the mentor's professional development and learning experience</li> </ul>	<p>The lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>monitors and modifies PL for mentees and mentors that reflects current research, mentee and mentor feedback, and school, board, and provincial initiatives and priorities</li> <li>assesses the effectiveness of PL and resources through monitoring and evaluation data, and either adapts existing resources or provides new resources based on feedback from mentors/mentees</li> <li>digs PL and mentoring resources with other mentoring initiatives within the board (e.g., New Teacher Induction Program, Student Success, and other employee groups)</li> </ul>
<b>12. Exit Process</b>	<p>The exit process must be established by the board and clearly communicated to mentors and mentees.</p>	<p>The lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>establishes and clearly communicates the exit process to mentors and mentees</li> <li>provides necessary supports to facilitate the exit process and to include rematching, if required</li> </ul>	<p>The lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>reviews the exit process annually and modifies it as needed to ensure efficacy, based on feedback provided through monitoring and evaluation results</li> <li>revises the exit process, if necessary</li> <li>communicates changes to mentors and mentees</li> </ul>





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