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Re: Day school and home school students requesting enrollment with TVO ILC (Independent Learning Centre)

Dear School Board Authority:

TVO ILC is funded by the government of Ontario to complement the public education system and to provide distance education to the residents of Ontario. TVO ILC supports the government’s objective to offer parents and students a choice of education alternatives when students are unable to register in a publicly funded school board for a particular course or when they choose to home school.

**Students not attending regular day schools** may register as TVO ILC students in secondary school courses. TVO ILC assists these students in completing the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or the General Educational Development Test (GED).

With the permission of their school boards, **regular day school students** may apply to TVO ILC to take courses through our Day School Program. Regulation 392/02 stipulates that any student who has the permission of their school board may enroll with TVO ILC.

**Bill 52, The Education Amendment Act, Learning to Age 18, 2006**, requires all students under 18 years of age to attend school unless they have already graduated or are officially excused from attending school. Legal reasons for being absent from school continue to apply (for example, receiving satisfactory instruction at home or elsewhere). PPM 131 further permits home school students to enroll with TVO ILC.

For a student under the age of 18, TVO ILC requires an explicit indication from the school board that the student is not attending a school within its boundaries and has been excused from attendance. Therefore, we request that a letter signed by a superintendent or signing official of the school board be provided in response to a parent’s notification of intent to provide home schooling (Appendix B). This will permit us to enroll the student in TVO ILC courses.

Yours truly,

Principal
Independent Learning Centre

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