

MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Secretary-Treasurers and Supervisory Officers
of School Authorities
Principals of Provincial Schools

FROM: George Zegarac
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DATE: January 2, 2007

SUBJECT: **In-service Sessions for Teacher Inquiry Teams to Improve
Boys' Literacy: Invitation to Board Staff**

Improving student achievement continues to be a goal of the Ministry of Education. Since poor literacy skills can have a profound impact on performance in all academic areas, as well as on students' success throughout their lives, the work we are doing to improve boys' literacy skills will contribute to reaching our goals.

As you know, last March the Ministry funded over 100 Boys' Literacy Teacher Inquiry Teams to investigate best practices to improve boys' literacy skills. In addition, we have contracted a university researcher and worked with her to provide a variety of supports to assist the teams with their work. In January and February 2007, we will continue this support by sponsoring regional in-service sessions for members of the Inquiry Teams.

The purpose of this memorandum is to invite you to send **one** board-level representative with responsibilities for literacy to the in-service session in your region. The in-service sessions will begin with registration from 8:00-9:00 a.m. and will continue through a working lunch until 3:30 p.m. Costs will be covered by the Ministry of Education according to Ministry guidelines.


The following chart shows the date and location of the in-service sessions for each region:

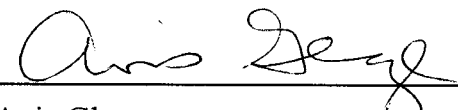
Board/School Authority/Provincial School	Date	Location of In-service
Algonquin and Lakeshore CDSB CDSB of Eastern Ontario Hastings and Prince Edward DSB Limestone DSB Ottawa-Carleton CDSB Ottawa-Carleton DSB Renfrew County CDSB Renfrew County DSB Upper Canada DSB	Friday January 19, 2007	Hellenic Centre 1315 Prince of Wales Drive Ottawa, ON K2C 1N2 Phone: 613-225-8017
Keewatin-Patricia DSB Kenora CDSB Lakehead DSB North-West CDSB Rainy River DSB Superior North CDSB Thunder Bay CDSB Atikokan Upsala Northern District ASD	Thursday January 25, 2007	Valhalla Inn 1 Valhalla Inn Road Thunder Bay, ON P7E 6J1 Phone: 807-577-1121
Avon Maitland DSB Greater Essex County DSB Huron-Perth Catholic DSB Lambton Kent DSB London District Catholic SB St. Clair Catholic DSB Thames Valley DSB Windsor-Essex Catholic DSB	Tuesday January 30, 2007	Best Western Stoneridge Inn 6675 Burstwistle Lane London, ON N6L 1H5 Phone: 519-652-6022
DSB Niagara Grand Erie DSB Hamilton-Wentworth DSB Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic DSB Niagara Catholic DSB Waterloo Region DSB Waterloo Catholic DSB	Wednesday, January 31, 2007	Chandelier Place 660 Barton Street Stoney Creek ON L8E 5L6 Phone: 905-643-4291
Bluewater DSB Bruce-Grey CDSB Durham DSB Durham CDSB Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB PVN & C CDSB Simcoe County DSB Trillium Lakelands DSB York CDSB York Region DSB	Tuesday February 6, 2007	Lion's Gate Banquet Centre 386 Blake Street Barrie ON L4M 1L3 Phone: 705-735-2727

Toronto CDSB Toronto DSB	Tuesday February 20, 2007	Marriot by Courtyard 475 Yonge Street Toronto ON M4Y 1X7 Phone: 416-924-0611
Dufferin-Peel CDSB Halton CDSB Halton DSB Peel DSB Upper Grand DSB Wellington CDSB Provincial Schools	Thursday February 22, 2007	Holiday Inn Burlington Hotel and Conference Centre 3063 South Service Road Burlington ON L7N 3E9 Phone: 905-639-4443
Algoma DSB DSB of Ontario North East Huron Superior CDSB Near North DSB Nipissing-Parry Sound CDSB Northeastern CDSB Rainbow DSB Sudbury CDSB Hornepayne	Wednesday February 28, 2007	Howard Johnson Plaza 50 Brady Street Sudbury ON P3E 1C8 Phone: 705-675-5602

Please complete the attached form and fax it to Dr. Linda Ebruk at 416-325-2575 by **January 16**. Should you have any questions, please contact her at (416) 325-2843 or <linda.ebruk@ontario.ca>.

We hope this in-service will provide an excellent opportunity for professional growth.


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BOYS' LITERACY TEACHER INQUIRY TEAM IN-SERVICE

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2007

PARTICIPATION FORM

REGION: _____

BOARD/SCHOOL AUTHORITY/PROVINCIAL SCHOOL: _____

NAME OF PARTICIPANT: _____

TITLE: _____

PHONE: _____

SESSION LOCATION: _____

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BY TUESDAY JANUARY 16