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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
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FROM: Avis Glaze
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The Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat

DATE: May 2, 2007

SUBJECT: Support Resource: *Combined Grades: Strategies to Reach a
Range of Learners in Kindergarten to Grade 6*

The Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat is pleased to make a new resource entitled *Combined Grades: Strategies to Reach a Range of Learners in Kindergarten to Grade 6* available to school boards and elementary schools.

This resource document provides strategies to support teachers and administrators in the successful management of combined grades classes in Kindergarten to Grade 6. Throughout the resource, references are made to literacy and numeracy strategies outlined in other Ministry resources in order to make clear connections to effective approaches already being implemented in many schools and boards.

Every elementary school will be sent four copies and every district school board will be sent 20 copies of *Combined Grades: Strategies to Reach a Range of Learners in Kindergarten to Grade 6*. The resource document will also be available at www.edu.gov.on.ca.

Educators recognize that differences are regarded as assets in rich learning environments – learners have different linguistic, cultural, and social backgrounds and perspectives, interests and needs, as well as different skills. This resource provides a number of considerations and starting points in addressing the realities of teaching combined classes.

We look forward to continuing our efforts to improve achievement for all students. If you have any questions or feedback about this resource, please contact Judith Taylor at Judith.taylor@ontario.ca.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Avis Glaze". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Avis E. Glaze

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