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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education

FROM: Sue Durst
Acting Director
Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch

DATE: October 5, 2006

SUBJECT: **Curriculum Review Feedback Consultations on the drafts of proposed revisions to the Ontario Curriculum for Science and Technology, Grades 1-8 and Science, Grades 9-10**

The review of the Grades 1-8 Science and Technology and the Grades 9 and 10 Science curriculum policy documents began in September 2005. In fall 2005 representatives from school boards and school authorities participated in Focus Group Sessions for Science and Technology 1-8 and Science 9-12 hosted by the Ministry of Education across the province. Focus Group input, feedback from other stakeholders, research, and analysis of current curriculum policy documents provided evidence for recommendations for revisions. During the summer of 2006, writing teams of educators drafted proposed revisions to the Science and Technology 1-8 and Science 9-12 curriculum documents to address the recommendations.

The Ministry is initiating the next stage of the review process, Feedback Consultation, on the drafts of proposed revisions to the Ontario curriculum for Science and Technology 1-8 and Science 9 and 10. The Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch of the Ministry of Education will be hosting a one day Feedback Consultation for these policy documents. Participants attending the Feedback Consultation will receive information about the curriculum review process and the rationale for the types of revisions proposed in the draft. They will examine the draft document and discuss the process through which school boards, school authorities and stakeholders can provide feedback.

Each board is invited to send one educational representative to the Feedback Consultation session. The representative should be a subject/program specialist with a strong knowledge of the current curriculum/program document and the ability to coordinate a process within the board to gather feedback on the draft of the proposed revisions. It is important that the representative understand that at the feedback session participants will discuss the process through which school boards, school authorities and stakeholders can provide feedback. This feedback is an essential component of the curriculum review process. The Funding Memo to school boards for 2005–2006 may support this initiative.

Feedback Consultation Session	9:30AM - 3:30PM
Ontario Curriculum, Grades 1-8, Science and Technology, 1998	Date: November 9, 2006 Location: Delta Meadowvale Resort and Conference Centre 6750 Mississauga Road Mississauga ON L5N 2L3 (South of Hwy 401) Phone: (905) 821-1981 Fax: (905) 542-6742
Ontario Curriculum, Grades 9 and 10, Science, 1999	Date: November 10, 2006 Location: Courtyard Marriott 475 Yonge Street Toronto ON M4Y 1X7 Phone: (416) 924-0611 Fax: (416) 924-1413

All travel expenses including accommodation (where required) will be covered by the Ministry, following Ministry guidelines. An expense claim form will be made available to participants at the sessions. If your representative is a classroom teacher, the cost of supply coverage for the Feedback Consultation sessions will be reimbursed at the board rate.

Please complete the attached Registration Form listing the name of the representative from your school board attending each session and return it to the attention of Lilibeth Alagar by email at lilibeth.alagar@Ontario.ca or FAX at (416) 325-2879 by October 26, 2006. Representatives should be informed of the board's expectation.

If you have any questions concerning these Feedback Consultation Sessions, please contact the following:

Science and Technology, Grades 1- 8 – Jill Snider, Education Officer, Ministry of Education, (416) 325-2083;

Science, Grades 9 -10 – Maureen Callan, Education Officer, Ministry of Education, (416) 327-9074.

Thank you for your participation and ongoing support of the curriculum review process.

Original signed by Baiba St. John per:
Sue Durst

Attachment
cc: Regional Office Managers

CURRICULUM REVIEW
Feedback Consultation Sessions
Proposed Revisions to:

Science and Technology, Grades 1-8; Science, Grades 9 and 10

REGISTRATION FORM

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District School Board/Authority: _____

Feedback Session	Representative
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Ontario Curriculum, Grades 9 and 10, Science, 1999 Date: November 10, 2006	Name: _____ Tel#: _____ Email: _____ Subject Expertise: _____

