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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities
Director, Provincial Schools Branch

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DATE: April 29, 2008

SUBJECT: Regional Consultation Sessions for the development of a
resource guide for *Education for All K – 12*

The Ministry of Education is currently developing an *Education for All K – 12* resource document, designed to build on the recommendations found in *Education for All: The report of the Expert Panel on Literacy and Numeracy Instruction for Students with Special Education Needs, Kindergarten to Grade 6*. The Ministry will be inviting school boards, school authorities, provincial schools and education stakeholder groups to participate in consultation sessions on the development of the resource guide in May, 2008.

The development of the resource guide is based on the following principles:

- builds on the foundational piece of Education for All K – 6 that is aimed at all students;
- presents a scope beyond literacy and numeracy in a K – 12 context;
- appeals to all educators with a strong focus on supporting classroom teachers at both the elementary and secondary levels;
- aligns with other key ministry initiatives (Literacy Numeracy Secretariat, Student Success/Learning to 18); and
- focuses on providing educators with effective tools to close the student achievement gap.

The Ministry of Education will be holding consultation sessions in English and French in May, 2008. The purpose of these consultation sessions is to allow parents and educators to provide input into the development of the resource guide by discussing:

- The changes in the education sector since the release of *Education for All K-6* in 2005
- The key components of *Education for All K-6* that can be extended to a K-12 document
- The strengths of *Education for All K-6*
- Changes and additions to *Education for All K – 6*
- Precise strategies for students with special education needs.

The date and location for your regional session is:

Date:

Time:

Location:

Cut off date for representatives to book hotel rooms:

In order to maximize the potential of these sessions to influence the development of the resource guide, it is requested that each school board send the following representatives to the regional sessions, keeping in mind that participants should have a thorough knowledge of *Education for All K-6*:

- One member of the school board's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) **or** one school board Trustee **or** one member of the school board's Parent Involvement Committee
- Superintendent responsible for Special Education
- One Special Education Coordinator/Consultant
- One Student Success Leader (SSL)
- One Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat Student Effectiveness Lead
- One Elementary Principal
- One Secondary Principal
- 3 Secondary Teachers (including 1 Grade K-6 Teacher, 1 Grade7-8 Teacher and 1 special education Teacher)
- 3 Elementary Teachers (including 1 Grade 9-10 Teacher, 1 Grade11-12 Teacher and 1 special education Teacher)
- One teacher's assistant.

Provincial and Demonstration Schools and School Authorities may send one representative per location.

Reasonable travel, supply teacher costs and accommodation expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with Government of Ontario policies and procedures. Please see the attached reimbursement guidelines.

If you have any questions, please speak to X in your regional office. X can be reached at XXX-XXXX or X@ontario.ca. Please provide your registration form by day, Month, 2008 to X in your regional office.

Barry Finlay

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Attachments

- cc. Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Planning and Elementary/Secondary Programs Division
- Assistant Deputy Minister, French-Language Education and Educational Operations Division
- Ann Perron, Chief Executive Officer (Interim), The Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat
- Director, French-Language Policy and Programs Branch
- Director, Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch
- Director, Field Services Branch
- Director, Student Success/Learning to 18 Strategic Policy Branch
- Director, Student Success/Learning to 18 Implementation, Training and Evaluation Branch