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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
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FROM: Ann Perron
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The Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat

DATE: April 22, 2008

SUBJECT: The Literacy and Numeracy Mailing Package

I am delighted to inform you that we will be distributing the **LNS Mailing Package** – a sampling of our research monographs and multi-media resources designed to support improved classroom instruction and assessment practices for use in elementary schools.

Each mailing will include a number of copies of our latest resources for your board's central office as well as shrink-wrapped packages for each school. *A Guide to Print and Multi-Media Resources, Spring 2008* will introduce you to the full array of LNS resources. The *How to Access LNS Resources* brochure will provide detailed information about how to access resources online as well as how to order additional copies.

The Secretariat created the mailing package in response to requests from the field to increase access to our resources. Teachers, principals and supervisory officers alike told us that the LNS resources were excellent tools for professional learning, pursued individually or collectively, but they were often difficult to access.

Following the launch of the LNS Mailing Package in May 2008, we are scheduling four mailings a year to district school boards, faculties of education and stakeholder organizations.

The spring launch mailing includes:

- ♦ What Works: Research into Practice monographs *Integrating Aboriginal Teaching and Values into the Classroom* and *Boys' Underachievement: Which Boys Are We Talking About?*
- ♦ Capacity Building Series monograph *Non-Fiction Writing for the Junior Student*
- ♦ *Comprehending in Action: Module 4 – Synthesizing* (multi-media)
- ♦ *Networked Learning Communities* (multi-media)
- ♦ *Non-Fiction Writing* (multi-media)
- ♦ *High-Yield Strategies to Improve Student Learning* (multi-media and available in podcast format)
- ♦ *A Guide to Print and Multi-Media Resources, Spring 2008* (booklet)
- ♦ *How to Access LNS Resources* (brochure)

Our shared goal is to take the knowledge of what works well, and why, even deeper into Ontario classrooms and schools. We hope that the quarterly LNS mailing packages will help you to reach that goal.

I know you may want to co-ordinate your own dissemination strategy to position and adapt the use of these resources at the local level. Unless we hear otherwise, we will send packages to your central office in May.

Sincerely,

Ann Perron
Chief Executive Officer, Interim
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