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**Memorandum To:**

Directors of Education  
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Authorities  
Principals of Secondary Schools  
Principals of First Nation Secondary Schools

**From:**

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**Subject:**

Release of *The Ontario Curriculum, Canadian and World  
Studies, Grades 9 and 10, 2013 (Revised)*

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The revised curriculum policy documents for *The Ontario Curriculum, Canadian and World Studies, Grades 9 and 10, 2013 (Revised)* has been posted on the Ministry of Education website [www.edu.gov.on.ca](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca) for school boards, schools and other education stakeholders. Print documents will be distributed to schools and school boards shortly.

The courses found in *The Ontario Curriculum, Canadian and World Studies, Grades 9 and 10, 2013 (Revised)* comprise the mandatory courses in this subject that students are required to complete to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). The courses found in *The Ontario Curriculum, Canadian and World Studies, Grades 11 and 12, 2013 (Revised)* are optional for all students and will be available in fall 2013. The ministry understands that school boards will make local decisions about their ability to implement all or part of the revised document beginning in fall 2013. Mandatory implementation of the document begins in September 2014.

The revisions to for *The Ontario Curriculum, Canadian and World Studies, Grades 9 and 10, 2013 (Revised)* are the result of work done through the curriculum review process by teams of educators which began in the fall of 2009. The review process was guided by research on new approaches specific to this discipline, benchmarking/comparing the curriculum with that of other national and international jurisdictions; and thousands of consultations with educators, students, parents and a wide range of stakeholders. These consultations provided valuable insights into the areas of the curriculum needing strengthening.

The courses in the revised curriculum policy document are aligned with the government's commitment to maintain a current, relevant curriculum that supports success for all students through improved student achievement and closing the gaps. The knowledge and skills that are developed in these courses are important for all students in order to see themselves reflected in the curriculum and to take their place in a diverse, global economy and to create and promote safe and accepting schools for all Ontario students.

Implementation training sessions will be provided in 2013 and will include web-based components and face-to-face components for both English-language and French-language school board teams respectively to support the implementation of these documents.

If you have any questions about the revised curriculum policy documents, please contact the appropriate Regional Office for information. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Ministry's curriculum review process.



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