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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
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Director of the Provincial Schools Branch
Supervisory Officer of Centre Jules-Léger

FROM: Avis E. Glaze
Chief Student Achievement Officer of Ontario &
The Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat

SUBJECT: An invitation to the LNS Lecture series:
Every School a Great School by Professor David Hopkins

DATE: December 17, 2007

We thank you for your continued commitment and hard work toward improving student achievement in your Board and across the province. Through your leadership, we have seen a growing trend of improvement in student achievement. The PIRLS and PISA results have placed Ontario near the top internationally. Your pursuit of both excellence and equity has not gone unnoticed by the international community. Our sincere thanks for all you continue to do.

David Hopkins will be visiting with The Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat from January 14 -16, 2008. Having critical friends is part of The Secretariat's strategy to ensure international comparability in our work and as we have always done when we have international experts, we would like to invite you to hear Professor David Hopkins on Monday, January 14, 2008 at the Sheraton Centre Hotel, 123 Queen Street West, Toronto, Grand Ballroom East from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served immediately following the session.

David Hopkins is a most sought after international speaker. He is the inaugural HSBC Chair in International Leadership, where he supports the work of iNet, the International arm of the Specialist Schools Trust and the Leadership Centre at the Institute of Education, University of London. He is also a Professorial Fellow at the Faculty of Education, University of Melbourne. Between 2002 and 2005, he served three Secretaries of State as the Chief Adviser on School Standards at the Department for Education and Skills in England. He is a long time consultant to the OECD and DfEE on issues of School Improvement and Teacher Quality, and has lectured and consulted in some twenty countries on these themes. He has published over thirty books on educational issues including *Every School a Great School* which was published this year.

We look forward to this opportunity to hear from an international expert on the topic “Every School a Great School” and welcome the participation of directors of education supervisory officers, principals and Ministry of Education staff at this session.

To facilitate planning, please contact Nina Chahal (nina.chahal@ontario.ca) with the names of attendees from your board or organization by January 10, 2008.

We wish you and your family a relaxing holiday season and all the best in 2008!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Avis Glaze".

Avis Glaze

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