



**MEMORANDUM TO:** Directors of Education

**FROM:** Sue Durst  
Director  
Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch

**DATE:** February 2, 2011

**SUBJECT:** **Curriculum Review Feedback Consultations on the drafts of proposed revisions to the *Ontario Curriculum for Canadian and World Studies, Grades 9-12***

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The review of the *Canadian and World Studies, Grades 9-12* curriculum policy documents began in September 2009. In fall 2009, representatives from school boards and school authorities participated in Focus Group Sessions for *Canadian and World Studies, Grades 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 recommendations for revisions. During the summer of 2010, writing teams of educators drafted proposed revisions to *Canadian and World Studies, Grades 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 *Canadian and World Studies, Grades 9-12*. The Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch of the Ministry of Education will be hosting one day regional Feedback Consultation sessions for this policy document. 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 for all courses found within the policy documents (e.g., civics, geography, history, economics, law and politics). Feedback consultation for *Social Studies, Grades 1-6; History and Geography, Grades 7-8* curriculum policy document occurred in fall 2010.

Each board is invited to send a team of up to **four** educational representatives to attend the Feedback Consultation session to be held in their region. **One representative** should be a person with central board responsibilities for *Canadian and World Studies, Grades 9-12*.

It is recommended that the board team be composed of secondary educators. **Three representatives** should be educators with subject specific expertise and have taught courses in at least one of the following disciplines: civics, geography, history, economics, law and/or politics.

The central board representative will play a **coordinating role**, and should have the ability to coordinate a process within the board to gather and collate feedback on the draft of the proposed revisions. Ideally, this individual will also have an understanding of *Canadian and World Studies, Grades 9-12*. It is important that the representatives understand that at the feedback session, participants will discuss the process through which school boards, school authorities and stakeholders can provide input and comments on the proposed revisions. This feedback consultation is an essential component of the curriculum review process.

<b><u>Feedback Consultation Sessions</u></b> Canadian and World Studies, Grades 9-12				
<b>District</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Thunder Bay</b>	Thunder Bay	Valhalla Inn 1 Valhalla Inn Road Thunder Bay ON P7E 6J1 (807) 577-1121	<i>Wednesday</i> <b>February 23, 2011</b>	8:30 am – 3:30pm
<b>Toronto and Area</b>	Toronto	Airport Holiday Inn 970 Dixon Road Toronto ON M9W 1J9 (416) 675-7611	<i>Friday</i> <b>February 25, 2011</b>	8:30 am – 3:30pm
<b>Barrie</b>	Barrie	Days Inn Barrie 60 Bryne Drive Barrie ON L4N 9Y4 1-966-335-8989	<i>Tuesday</i> <b>March 1, 2011</b>	8:30 am – 3:30pm
<b>London</b> - Waterloo Catholic - Waterloo Region - Hamilton Wentworth Catholic - Hamilton Wentworth - Grand Erie - Brand Haldimand Norfolk Catholic - Niagara Catholic - Niagara	Hamilton	Marquis Gardens 1365 Sandhill Drive Ancaster ON L9G 4V5 (905) 304-4416	<i>Tuesday</i> <b>March 8, 2011</b>	8:30 am – 3:30pm
<b>London</b> - Avon Maitland - Huron Perth Catholic - Greater Essex County - Windsor Essex Catholic - Lambton Kent - St. Clair Catholic - London District Catholic - Thames Valley	London	Best Western Stoneridge Inn 6675 Burtwhistle Lane London ON N6L 1H5 1-888-471-2378	<i>Wednesday</i> <b>March 9, 2011</b>	8:30 am – 3:30pm
<b>Ottawa</b>	Ottawa	Hellenic Meeting and Reception Centre 1315 Prince of Wales Drive Ottawa ON K2C 1N2 (613) 225-8016 ext 223	<i>Tuesday</i> <b>March 22, 2011</b>	8:30 am – 3:30pm
<b>North Bay/Sudbury</b>	Sudbury	Howard Johnson Plaza 50 Brady Street Sudbury ON P3E 1C8 (705) 675-5602	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>March 29, 2011</b>	8:30 am – 3:30pm

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 a representative is a classroom teacher, the cost of supply coverage for the Feedback Consultation sessions will be reimbursed at the board rate.

Note: Registration will begin at 8:30 am. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Please complete the attached Registration Form listing the names of the representatives from your school board attending the session and return it to the attention of Lilibeth Alagar by e-mail at [lilibeth.alagar@Ontario.ca](mailto:lilibeth.alagar@Ontario.ca) or FAX at (416) 325-2879 by **Friday February 11, 2011**.

If you have any questions concerning these Feedback Consultation Sessions, please contact: Maureen Callan, Curriculum Review, Ministry of Education, (416) 327-9074.

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

***Original signed by***

Sue Durst

Attachments: Travel Expense Guidelines  
Registration Form

cc: Regional Managers  
K. Rankin, Director, Field Services Branch  
A. Bigwin, Director, Aboriginal Education Office  
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R. Franz, Director, Student Success/Learning to 18 Strategic Policy Branch

# CURRICULUM REVIEW

*Feedback Consultation Sessions*

*Proposed Revisions to:*

*Canadian and World Studies, Grades 9-12*

## REGISTRATION FORM

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District/Region: \_\_\_\_\_

District School Board/Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

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Feedback Session - *Ontario Curriculum, Canadian and World Studies, Grades 9-12*

Representative 1 - District School Board representative (coordination role)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative 2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel#: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative 3

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Representative 4

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