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Memorandum To: Directors of Education
Secretary-Treasurers and Supervisory Officers of School
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From: George Zegarac
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Subject: Release of the Curriculum Policy Document for Canadian
and World Studies, Grades 11 and 12, 2015

The curriculum policy document for *The Ontario Curriculum, Canadian and World Studies, Grades 11 and 12, 2015* has been posted on the Ministry of Education website, at: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/secondary/canworld.html> for school boards, schools and other education stakeholders. Print documents will be distributed to schools and school boards shortly. Mandatory implementation of the document begins in September 2015.

The revisions to *The Ontario Curriculum, Canadian and World Studies, Grades 11 and 12, 2015* 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 were provided in the 2015 school year and included web-based components and face-to-face components for both English-language and French-language school board teams, respectively, to support the implementation of this document. The materials for these sessions can be found at www.edugains.ca.

If you have any questions about this curriculum policy document, 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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