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Memorandum to: Martyn Backett
Director of Education, Durham District School Board

From: Sue Durst
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Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch

Date: June 2, 2009

Subject: Homework Help Initiative

The purpose of this memo is to invite your board, as one of fifteen English-language boards, to participate in the Homework Help initiative in the 2009-10 school year.

The Homework Help initiative will provide integrated additional supports to increase student achievement in Grades 7 to 10 Math. The supports will include enhanced Independent Learning Centre after-school interactive homework help through "Ask A Teacher"; professional development and training opportunities in the effective use of e-Learning Ontario software and content in the classroom; and funding for each participating board to appoint its own board teacher to coordinate all aspects of the initiative. New interactive math content will also be provided to address student learning needs.

If your board is interested in participating in this innovative initiative please contact Ron St. Louis of the e-Learning Ontario team (416 212-1146 or ron.stlouis@ontario.ca) **by June 5**. After connecting with Ron, and if your board is still interested, a teleconference or a virtual Question and Answer session (via Adobe Connect) will be arranged for you and your board staff and e-Learning Ontario staff to outline the initiative in more detail as it relates to your board. This teleconference/Adobe Connect session would be scheduled during the week of **June 8** with a final board commitment deadline of **June 12**.

We look forward to working with you on the Homework Help initiative.

Original Signed By:

Sue Durst