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Memorandum To: Directors of Education
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Principals of Secondary Schools
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Subject: Release of The Ontario Curriculum: Social Sciences and
Humanities, Grades 9-12, 2013 (Revised)


The revised curriculum policy documents for *The Ontario Curriculum: Social Sciences and Humanities, Grades 9-12, 2013 (Revised)* / *Le curriculum de l'Ontario, Sciences humaines et sociales, 9^e-12^e année, 2013 (édition révisée)* has been posted on the Ministry of Education website 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 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 *The Ontario Curriculum: Social Sciences and Humanities, Grades 9-12, 2013 (Revised)* / *Le curriculum de l'Ontario, Sciences humaines et sociales, 9^e-12^e année, 2013 (édition révisée)* are the result of work done through the curriculum review process by teams of educators which began in the fall of 2007. 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, based on local school board decisions, beginning in September 2013. Mandatory implementation will occur in 2014.

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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