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MEMORANDUM TO: Education Partners

FROM: Ben Levin
Deputy Minister

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SUBJECT: *Release of **Acting Today, Shaping Tomorrow: A Policy Framework for Environmental Education in Ontario Schools***

I am pleased to include with this memo, a copy of *Acting Today, Shaping Tomorrow: A Policy Framework for Environmental Education in Ontario Schools* which was launched at the Environmental Education Symposium on February 25-26, 2009.

The policy framework describes the ministry's policy for environmental education, focusing on a shared vision, a common vocabulary, a commitment to student engagement and leadership, and a reliance on the sharing of practices and resources. The policy framework provides a model for school boards in the revision or development of a board environmental education policy. It also includes strategies for working with community partners and environmental stakeholders to ensure environmental education is part of every student's learning.

To facilitate implementation, a copy of the policy framework was recently posted on the Ministry website at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/curriculumcouncil/ShapeTomorrow.pdf>. Print copies of the document are being distributed to school boards, schools and stakeholders in March 2009. To order additional copies of this document please log onto the Service Ontario Publications website – www.serviceontario.ca/publications - using your EDU username and password. If you have forgotten or not received your username and password please send an email to webpubont-EDU@ontario.ca.

We appreciate your ongoing commitment to working with the Ministry of Education to implement environmental education in Ontario schools and look forward to continued progress on the key goals and strategies outlined in the policy framework.

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