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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
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of School Authorities
Provincial Schools Branch
Principals of Elementary Schools
Principals of Secondary Schools

FROM: Sue Durst
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DATE: November 25, 2009

SUBJECT: *Release of Me Read? And How! and Supports for Boys' Literacy CD ROM*

The Ministry is committed to providing supports for the Literacy and Numeracy and Student Success initiatives. Two new resources, *Me Read? And How!* and *Supports for Boys' Literacy CD-ROM* provide some recommended strategies to support boys' literacy achievement. Both resources are intended for classroom teachers, special education teachers, principals, and other professionals in the field of education who are developing and delivering literacy programs or literacy support for boys at the elementary and secondary level.

Me Read? And How! has been developed from the Boys' Literacy Teacher Inquiry Project, a project that saw one hundred and forty-five schools from English-language boards participate in a large-scale collaborative teacher inquiry project designed to address the gender gap in literacy achievement. *Me Read? And How!* is organized around fourteen practical and evidence-based strategies to support boys' literacy achievement.

Supports for Boys' Literacy CD-ROM gathers a range of supports for boys' literacy from a variety of sources including, but not limited to, the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch, the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat, and Student Success/Learning to 18.

To facilitate implementation, copies of *Me Read? And How!* and the *Supports for Boys' Literacy CD-ROM* will be distributed to school boards at the end of November 2009 as outlined on the attached distribution plan. *Me Read? And How!* will also be posted on the Ministry web site.

Opportunities for professional learning to support boys' literacy will be provided across the province in the winter and spring of 2010.

If you have any questions about *Me Read? And How!* and *Supports for Boys' Literacy CD-ROM*, please contact the appropriate Regional Office for information. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sue Durst

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Distribution: <i>Supports for Boys' Literacy CD-ROM and Me Read? And How!</i>		
English Elementary Schools		
	# sent each location	Approx. # of locations
Public	5	2,490
Junior High	5	17
Catholic	5	1,146
Provincial Blind	5	1
Provincial Deaf	5	3
Provincial Demonstration	5	3
Provincial Deaf & Blind	5	1
English Secondary Schools		
	# sent each location	Approx. # of locations
Public	5	460
Junior High	5	10
Catholic	5	177
Provincial Blind	5	1
Provincial Deaf	5	3
Provincial Demonstration	5	3
Provincial Deaf & Blind	5	1
Other Lists		
	# sent each location	Approx. # of locations
District School Boards English -Directors of Education -Program Superintendents	5 5	60
School Authorities English	1	23
Faculties Of Education English	5	11