



**MEMORANDUM TO:** Directors of Education

**FROM:** Sue Durst  
Director  
Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch

**DATE:** October 11, 2011

**SUBJECT:** **Curriculum Review Focused Feedback Consultations on the drafts of proposed revisions to the *Ontario Curriculum for Canadian and World Studies, Grades 9-12 -GEOGRAPHY***

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The review of the *Canadian and World Studies, Grades 9-12* curriculum policy documents began in September 2009. In fall 2009, representatives from school boards and school authorities participated in Focus Group Sessions for *Canadian and World Studies, Grades 9-12* hosted by the Ministry of Education across the province. Focus Group input, feedback from other stakeholders, research, and analysis of current curriculum policy documents provided recommendations for revisions. During the summer of 2010, writing teams of educators drafted proposed revisions to *Canadian and World Studies, Grades 9-12* curriculum documents to address the recommendations.

Feedback Consultation, on the drafts of proposed revisions to the Ontario curriculum for *Canadian and World Studies, Grades 9-12* occurred in the winter of 2011. Information gathered from these sessions as well as from the online survey provided recommendations for further revisions. During the summer of 2011, focused writing teams of educators drafted proposed revisions to *Canadian and World Studies, Grades 9-12* curriculum documents to address the recommendations.

The Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch of the Ministry of Education will be hosting a one day **Focused Feedback Consultation** session for this policy document with a focus on Geography (Geography of Canada, Grade 9; Environment and Disasters, Grade 11; and World Issues, Grade 12). Participants attending this Feedback Consultation will examine part of the draft document pertaining to the courses in geography and provide specific focused feedback for the geography courses listed above.

Each board is invited to send **one** educational representative to attend the Feedback Consultation session to be held in Toronto. It is recommended that the representative have a strong background in the teaching of geography in grades 9 to 12.

**Feedback Consultation Sessions**  
Canadian and World Studies, Grades 9-12  
**GEOGRAPHY FOCUS**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Toronto</b>	Erie, Thames, St. Clair Room 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, MacDonald Block 900 Bay Street Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1L2	<i>Monday October 31,</i> <i>2011</i>	9:00 am – 3:30pm

All travel expenses including accommodation, (where the distance from home to the venue exceeds 100 km one way) will be covered by the Ministry, following Ministry guidelines. An expense claim form will be made available to participants at the sessions. If a representative is a classroom teacher, the cost of supply coverage for the Feedback Consultation sessions will be reimbursed at the board rate.

Note: Registration will begin at 8:30 am. Beverages and a light lunch will be provided.

Please complete the attached Registration Form listing the name of the representative from your school board attending the session and return it to the attention of Lilibeth Alagar by e-mail at [lilibeth.alagar@Ontario.ca](mailto:lilibeth.alagar@Ontario.ca) or FAX at (416) 325-2879 by **Friday October 21, 2011**.

If you have any questions concerning these Feedback Consultation Sessions, please contact: Maureen Callan, Curriculum Review, Ministry of Education, (416) 327-9074.

Thank you for your participation and ongoing support of the curriculum review process.

***Original signed by***

Sue Durst

Attachments: Travel Expense Guidelines  
Registration Form

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