

MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Secretary-Treasurers and Supervisory Officers of School
Authorities

FROM: Sue Durst
Director
Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch

DATE: October 5, 2009

SUBJECT: **Curriculum Review Feedback Consultations on the
drafts of proposed revisions to the Ontario Curriculum for
French as a Second Language – Core French, Grades 4-12**

The review of the French as a Second Language – Core French, Grades 4-12 curriculum policy documents began in September 2008. In fall 2008, representatives from school boards and school authorities participated in Focus Group Sessions for French as a Second Language – Core French 4-12 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 2009, writing teams of educators drafted proposed revisions to French as a Second Language – Core French 4-12 curriculum documents to address the recommendations.

The Ministry is initiating the next stage of the review process, Feedback Consultation, on the drafts of proposed revisions to the Ontario curriculum for French as a Second Language – Core French, Grades 4-8 and Grades 9-12. The Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch of the Ministry of Education will be hosting one day regional Feedback Consultation sessions for these policy documents. Participants attending the Feedback Consultation will receive information about the curriculum review process and the rationale for the types of revisions proposed in the draft. They will examine the draft document and discuss the process through which school boards, school authorities and stakeholders can provide feedback.

Each board is invited to send a team of up to **three** educational representatives to attend the Feedback Consultation session to be held in their region. **One representative** should be a person with central board responsibilities for French as a Second Language. It is recommended that the board team be a combination of elementary educators and secondary educators.

The central board representative will play a **coordinating role**, and should have the ability to coordinate a process within the board to gather and collate feedback on the draft of the proposed

revisions. Ideally, this individual will also have an understanding of French as a Second Language. It is important that the representatives understand that at the feedback session, participants will discuss the process through which school boards, school authorities and stakeholders can provide input and comments on the proposed revisions. This feedback consultation is an essential component of the curriculum review process.

School authorities are invited to send **one representative** to the feedback consultation session in their region.

Feedback Consultation Sessions – Ontario Curriculum, French as a Second Language – Core French Grades 4-12				
District	Location	Venue	Date	Time
Thunder Bay	Thunder Bay	DaVinci Centre 340 S. Waterloo Street Thunder Bay, ON P7E 6H9 Tel (807) 623-2415 Fax (807) 622-8133 info@davincicentre.com	Thursday, November 5	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Barrie	Barrie	Lions Gate Banquet Centre 386 Blake Street Barrie, ON L4M 1L3 705-735-2727	Friday, November 13	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Ottawa	Ottawa	Centurion Conference and Event Centre 170 Colonnade Road South Ottawa, ON K2E 7J5 Tel (613) 727-1044	Wednesday, November 18	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Toronto	Toronto	Holiday Inn Burlington Hotel and Conference Centre 3063 South Service Road, Burlington, ON L7N 3E9 Phone: (905) 639-4443	Tuesday, November 24	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
North Bay/Sudbury	Sudbury	Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel Sudbury 50 Brady Street Sudbury, ON P3E 1C8 Tel (705) 675-5602	Friday, November 27	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
London	London	Best Western Stoneridge Inn 6675 Burtwhistle Lane Highways 401 and 4) London ON N6L 1H5 519-652-6022	Thursday, December 3	8:30 am – 3:30 pm

All travel expenses including accommodation, (where required) will be covered by the Ministry, following Ministry guidelines. **In order to qualify for accommodation, a participant must reside 100 km one-way from their home address to the meeting location site.** 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. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Please complete the attached Registration Form listing the names of the representatives from your school board attending the session and return it to the attention of Lilibeth Alagar by e-mail at lilibeth.alagar@Ontario.ca or FAX at (416) 325-2879 by **October 26, 2009.**

If you have any questions concerning these Feedback Consultation Sessions, please contact:

Mitchell Shore, Coordinator, Curriculum Review, Ministry of Education, by phone at (416) 325-2387 or by e-mail at mitchell.shore@ontario.ca.

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

Sue Durst

Attachment:

cc: K. Rankin, Director, FSB
A. Bigwin, Director, AEO
B. Davies, Director, PSB
Regional Managers

CURRICULUM REVIEW

*Feedback Consultation Sessions
Proposed Revisions to:*

French as a Second Language – Core French, Grades 4-12

REGISTRATION FORM

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District: _____

District School Board/Authority: _____

Feedback Session - Ontario Curriculum, French as a Second Language – Core French, Grades 4-12

Representative 1 - District School Board representative (coordination role)

Name: _____

Tel#: _____

Email: _____

Elementary Secondary Both

Representative 2

Name: _____

Tel#: _____

Email: _____

Elementary Secondary

Representative 3

Name: _____

Tel#: _____

Email: _____

Elementary Secondary