



MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education – Thunder Bay Region

FROM: Sue Durst
Director
Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch

DATE: October 29, 2009

SUBJECT: **Environmental Education: Request for Board Contact**

We are pleased to announce that the *Regional Environmental Education Lead (REEL)* has now been identified for your region and is beginning their work.

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THUNDER BAY	Christy Radbourne	christy_radbourne@Lakeheadschoools.ca

As outlined in the August 14th memo to Directors of Education, the work of these individuals will be to:

- support boards in their region in revising or developing a board environmental education policy aligned with the provincial policy framework;
- establish a network of environmental education contacts in all boards in the region, including student leaders;
- develop and share a network of community partners who can assist schools and boards in accessing and enhancing resources that support teaching and learning about environmental education; and
- develop a provincial and regional plan for building and sustaining environmental education leadership capacity.

In order to facilitate their work, we are requesting that each board identify an Environmental Education (EE) Contact for the REEL in your region.

Please provide the name, position, telephone number and email address of your Board EE Contact by **November 9, 2009**. Email this information to the REEL that is identified for your region.

Over the course of the school year, the REEL will work collaboratively with the EE Board Contact in furthering EE in each board and in developing student leadership for environmental issues at the board and school level.

Should you have any questions pertaining to this request, feel free to contact **Michael Ball** at Michael.ball2@ontario.ca

We thank you for your continued support of Environmental Education in Ontario.

Original Signed by:

Sue Durst

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