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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Directors of Education – Toronto and Area Region

**FROM:** Sue Durst  
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**DATE:** October 29, 2009

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

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We are pleased to announce that the *Regional Environmental Education Leads (REELs)* are now in place in most regions of the province. The process to identify the REEL for Toronto and Area Region is progressing and we look forward to being able to identify this person in the near future.

As outlined in the August 14<sup>th</sup> memo to Directors of Education, the work of these REELs 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 the work of the Toronto and Area REEL, we are requesting that your school board identify an Environmental Education (EE) Contact. Please provide the name, position, telephone number and email address of your Board EE Contact by **November 9, 2009**.

Email this information to **Michael Ball** at [Michael.ball2@ontario.ca](mailto:Michael.ball2@ontario.ca)

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](mailto:Michael.ball2@ontario.ca)

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

*Original Signed by:*

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