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Memorandum To: Directors of Education
Secretary-Treasurers and Supervisory Officers of School
Authorities
Principals of Elementary Schools
Principals of First Nation Elementary Schools

From: George Zegarac
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Date: October 3, 2013

Subject: Release of The Ontario Curriculum: French as a Second
Language: Core, Extended and Immersion French, Grades 1-8,
2013 (Revised)

The revised curriculum policy document for *The Ontario Curriculum: French as a Second Language: Core, Extended and Immersion French, Grades 1-8, 2013 (Revised)* has been posted on the Ministry of Education website www.edu.gov.on.ca for school boards, schools and other education stakeholders. Print documents will be distributed to the schools and the boards shortly. The ministry understands that the boards will make local decisions about their ability to implement all or part of the revised document, beginning now. Mandatory implementation of the document begins in September 2014.

The revisions to *French as a Second Language: Core, Extended and Immersion French, Grades 1-8, 2013 (Revised)* are the result of work done through the curriculum review process by teams of educators that started in the 2008. The review process was guided by research on new approaches specific to this discipline, benchmarking/comparing the curriculum with that of other national and international jurisdiction, and consultations with educators, students, parents and a wide range of stakeholders. These consultations provided valuable insights into the areas of the curriculum needing strengthening.

The revised *French as a Second Language* curriculum also aligns with other existing and newly released government policies and documents, including Character Education, Environmental Education, Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy, Financial Literacy Education, Growing Success, Literacy Strategy, Numeracy Strategy, First Nation, Métis and Inuit Policy Framework, the Comprehensive Action Plan on Accepting Schools and others.

Implementation training sessions will be provided in 2013, and will include web-based components and face-to-face components to support the implementation of this document.

If you have any questions about the revised curriculum policy document, please contact the appropriate regional office for information. Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministry's curriculum review process.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Zegarac". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

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