



MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education

FROM: Sue Durst
Director
Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch

DATE: September 9, 2010

SUBJECT: **Curriculum Review Feedback Consultations on the drafts of proposed revisions to the Ontario Curriculum for *French as a Second Language - Immersion, Grades 1-12***

The review of the *French as a Second Language - Immersion, Grades 1-12* 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 - Immersion Grades 1-12* 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 *French as a Second Language - Immersion Grades 1-12* 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 - Immersion, Grades 1-12*. 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 **four** 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 - Immersion*. It is recommended that the board team be a combination of elementary educators and secondary educators. **Elementary representatives** should include educators who are *French as a Second Language - Immersion* specialists. **Secondary representatives** should have a strong knowledge of the current secondary *French as a Second Language - Immersion* curriculum.

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 - Immersion*. 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.

Feedback Consultation Sessions – Ontario Curriculum, French as a Second Language - Immersion Grades 1-12				
District	Location	Venue	Date	Time
Ottawa	Ottawa	Hellenic Meeting and reception Centre 1315 Prince of Wales Drive Ottawa ON K2C 1N2 613-225-8016 ext 223	Thursday, December 9, 2010	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Thunder Bay	Thunder Bay	Valhalla Inn 1 Valhalla Road Thunder Bay, ON, P7E 6J1 (807) 577-1121 1-800-964-1211	Thursday, November 25, 2010	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
North Bay/Sudbury	Sudbury	Howard Johnson Plaza 50 Brady Street Sudbury ON P3E 1C8 (705) 675-5602	Tuesday, November 9, 2010	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Barrie	Barrie	Hampton Inn and Suites 74 Bryne Drive Barrie, ON 705-719-9666	Tuesday, November 30, 2010	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Toronto and Area	Mississauga	Mississauga Grand 35 Brunel Rd., Mississauga ON L4Z 1N5	Monday, December 6, 2010	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
London Waterloo Catholic, Waterloo Region, Hamilton Wentworth Catholic, Hamilton Wentworth, Grand Erie, Brand Haldimand Norfolk Catholic, Niagara, Niagara Catholic	Ancaster	Marquis Gardens Sandhill Drive Ancaster ON L9G 4V5 905-304-4416	Wednesday, November 17, 2010	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
London Avon Maitland, Huron Perth Catholic, Greater Essex County, Windsor Essex Catholic, Lambton Kent, St.Clair Catholic, London District Catholic, Thames Valley	London	Best Western Stoneridge Inn 6675 Burtwhistle Lane Highways 401 and 4) London ON 1-888	Tuesday, November 16, 2010	8:30 am – 3:30 pm

All travel expenses including accommodation, (where required) 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. 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 **September 24, 2010**.

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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