



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 Native Studies, Grades 9-12***

The review of the *Native Studies, Grades 9-12* curriculum policy documents began in September 2009. In fall 2009 and winter 2010, representatives from school boards, school authorities and First Nations school communities participated in Focus Group Sessions for *Native Studies Grades 9-12* 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 *Native Studies Grades 9-12* 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 *Native Studies, Grades 9-12*. The Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch of the Ministry of Education will be hosting a one day centrally located Feedback Consultation session 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 documents and discuss the process through which school boards, school authorities, First Nations school communities and stakeholders can provide feedback.

Each board/school authority/First Nations school community/stakeholder is invited to send one educational representatives to attend the Feedback Consultation session to be held in Toronto. The **representative** should be a person with central board responsibilities for Native Studies. It is recommended that the **representative** have knowledge of the current secondary Native Studies curriculum.

The 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 Native Studies. It is important that the representatives understand that at the feedback session, participants will discuss the process through which school boards, school authorities, First Nations school community 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, Native Studies Grades 9-12			
Location	Venue	Date	Time
Toronto	Best Western Primrose Hotel 111 Carlton Street Toronto, ON M5B 2G3 416-977-8000	Wednesday, November 3, 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. If participants qualify for accommodations, a block of rooms have been set aside at the Best Western Primrose Hotel 111 Carlton Street, Toronto, ON M5B 2G3. Please call Lorna Ramos directly at 1-800-565-8865 for room reservation.

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.

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Attachments: Travel Expense Guidelines
Registration Form

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