



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 Social Studies, Grades 1-6; History and Geography, Grades 7-8***

The review of the *Social Studies, Grades 1-6; History and Geography, Grades 7-8* curriculum policy document began in September 2009. In fall 2009, representatives from school boards and school authorities participated in Focus Group Sessions for *Social Studies, Grades 1-6; History and Geography, Grades 7-8* 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 *Social Studies, Grades 1-6; History and Geography, Grades 7-8* curriculum document 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 *Social Studies, Grades 1-6; History and Geography, Grades 7-8*. The Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch of the Ministry of Education will be hosting one day regional Feedback Consultation sessions for this policy document. 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. We expect to hold another feedback consultation for the Canadian and World Studies, Grades 9-12 in the winter of 2011.

Each board is invited to send a team of up to **three** 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 *Social Studies, Grades 1-6; History and Geography, Grades 7-8*. It is recommended that the board team be composed of elementary educators. **Elementary representatives** could include both educators who are Social Studies, History and/or Geography, specialists and elementary generalist teachers without specific Social Studies, History and/or Geography expertise.

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 *Social Studies, Grades 1-6; History and Geography, Grades 7-8*. 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, Social Studies, Grades 1-6; History and Geography, Grades 7-8				
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	Tuesday, November 16	8:30 am – 3:30pm
Thunder Bay	Thunder Bay	Travelodge Hotel Airplane 698 W Arthur Street Thunder Bay ON P7E 5R8 807-473-1600	Wednesday, October 13, 2010	8:30 am – 3:30pm
North Bay/Sudbury	Sudbury	Howard Johnson Plaza 50 Brady Street Sudbury ON P3E 1C8 (705) 675-5602	Wednesday, November 10	8:30 am – 3:30pm
Barrie	Barrie	Hampton Inn and Suites 74 Bryne Drive Barrie, ON 705-719-9666	Friday, October 29, 2010	8:30 am – 3:30pm
Toronto and Area	Toronto	Airport Holiday Inn 970 Dixon Road Toronto, ON M9W 1J9	Tuesday, October 26, 2010	8:30 am – 3:30pm
London Waterloo Catholic, Waterloo Region, Hamilton Wentworth Catholic, Hamilton Wentworth, Grand Erie, Brand Haldimand Norfolk Catholic, Niagara, Niagara Catholic	Hamilton	Marquis Gardens Sandhill Drive Ancaster, On L9G 4V5 905-304-4416	Friday, October 22, 2010	8:30 am – 3:30pm
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 London ON 1-888-471-2378	Tuesday, October 19, 2010	8:30 am – 3:30pm

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

cc: K. Rankin, Director, Field Services Branch
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Regional Managers

CURRICULUM REVIEW

Feedback Consultation Sessions

Proposed Revisions to:

Social Studies, Grades 1-6; History and Geography, Grades 7-8

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District: _____

District School Board/Authority: _____

Feedback Session - Ontario Curriculum, Social Studies, Grades 1-6; History and Geography, Grades 7-8

Representative 1 - District School Board representative (coordination role)

Name: _____

Tel #: _____

Email: _____

Representative 2

Name: _____

Tel#: _____

Email: _____

Representative 3

Name: _____

Tel#: _____

Email: _____