



**MEMORANDUM TO:** Key Stakeholder Groups  
Secretary-Treasurers & Supervisory Officers of School Authorities

**FROM:** Sue Durst  
Director  
Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch

**DATE:** September 14, 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***

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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.

We invite your organization to send **one** representative to attend **one** Feedback Consultation session held in one region. The intention is that the organization representative who attends the feedback consultation session will play a **coordinating role**. He/she will coordinate a process within the organization to collate feedback on the draft of the proposed revisions. Ideally, this individual was involved in the review process last fall/winter. 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.

| <b>Feedback Consultation Sessions – Ontario Curriculum,<br/>Social Studies, Grades 1-6; History and Geography, Grades 7-8</b>   |                 |  |                                   |                   |
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| <b>District</b>   | <b>Location</b> | <b>Venue</b>   | <b>Date</b>                       | <b>Time</b>       |
| Ottawa  | Ottawa          | Hellenic Meeting and Reception Centre<br>1315 Prince of Wales Drive<br>Ottawa ON K2C 1N2<br>613-225-8016 ext 223 | Tuesday,<br>November 16           | 8:30 am – 3:30 pm |
| Thunder Bay   | Thunder Bay     | Travelodge Hotel Airline<br>698 W Arthur Street<br>Thunder Bay ON P7E 5R8<br>807-473-1600                        | Wednesday,<br>October 13,<br>2010 | 8:30 am – 3:30 pm |
| North Bay/Sudbury   | Sudbury         | Howard Johnson Plaza<br>50 Brady Street<br>Sudbury ON P3E 1C8<br>(705) 675-5602                                  | Wednesday,<br>November 10         | 8:30 am – 3:30 pm |
| Barrie  | Barrie          | Hampton Inn and Suites<br>74 Bryne Drive<br>Barrie, ON<br>705-719-9666   | Friday,<br>October 29,<br>2010    | 8:30 am – 3:30 pm |
| Toronto and Area  | Toronto         | Airport Holiday Inn<br>970 Dixon Road<br>Toronto, ON M9W 1J9   | Tuesday,<br>October 26,<br>2010   | 8:30 am – 3:30 pm |
| London<br>Waterloo Catholic,<br>Waterloo Region,<br>Hamilton Wentworth<br>Catholic,<br>Hamilton Wentworth,<br>Grand Erie,<br>Brand Haldimand Norfolk<br>Catholic,<br>Niagara,<br>Niagara Catholic | Hamilton        | Marquis Garden<br>Sandhill Drive<br>Ancaster, On L9C 3B1<br>905-304-4416   | Friday,<br>October 22,<br>2010    | 8:30 am – 3:30 pm |
| London<br>Avon Maitland,<br>Huron Perth Catholic,<br>Greater Essex County,<br>Windsor Essex Catholic,<br>Lambton Kent,<br>St.Clair Catholic,<br>London District Catholic,<br>Thames Valley        | London          | Best Western Stoneridge<br>Inn<br>6675 Burtwhistle Lane<br>London ON<br>1-888-471-2378                           | Tuesday,<br>October 19,<br>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.

Note: Registration will begin at 8:30 am. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Please complete the attached Registration Form listing the name of the representative from your organization who will be attending the session and return it to the attention of Lilibeth Alagar by e-mail at [lilibeth.alagar@Ontario.ca](mailto:lilibeth.alagar@Ontario.ca) or FAX at (416) 325-2879 by **September 24, 2010**.

If your organization is unable to attend a feedback consultation session but are still interested in providing feedback please indicate this on the registration form and you will be contacted.

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***

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Attachments: Travel Expense Guidelines  
Registration Form

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