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Dear colleagues:

We are writing to inform you that the Ontario Education Research Panel (OERP) is in the process of appointing new panel members for two-year terms. To that end, we are looking for individuals with experience and passion for research applied to supporting and improving education outcomes.

We are pleased to invite you and/or your organization to submit nominations for membership on the Panel and to share this invitation with others in your network.

The purpose of the Panel is, among others, to promote, support and disseminate examples of research-to-practice initiatives in boards, schools, and classrooms; to build capacity for education research by creating and strengthening relationships among education sector partners to address priority research needs; and to advance educational research activity in Ontario. Criteria for membership to the Panel include:

- Breadth and depth of knowledge and/or experience in applied research and/or evaluation relevant to education JK-12, its antecedents and outcomes.
- Ability to communicate to a broad range of audiences about research and evaluation as it relates to education JK-12, its antecedents and outcomes.
- Broad knowledge of the Ontario educational system.
- Commitment to using research and evaluation in education decision-making.
- Experience and commitment to developing collaborative partnerships working across the research, policy, and practice communities.
- Relevant experience applying research to support and improve educational outcomes, including application from other jurisdictions.

The Terms of Reference describing the Panel's purposes, activities, and qualifications required for membership on the OERP are attached. If you or someone you know meets these qualifications and would like to be considered for membership on the OERP, please submit a nomination or individual application as follows.

Submit **three hard copies** of:

- a statement (500 words maximum) that describes how you or the nominee meets the qualifications listed in the OERP Terms of Reference; and
- a current resumé.

Please **mail or courier** your nomination or application by October 29, 2010, to:

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Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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