MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Supervisory Officers and Secretary Treasurers of School Authorities
Director of Provincial Schools
Supervisory Officer of Centre Jules Leger

FROM: Alayne Bigwin
Director

DATE: September 25, 2007

SUBJECT: Invitation to Training Sessions for Native Languages and Native Studies Teachers

As a follow up to the May 10, 2007 memorandum sent out to Directors of Education the Aboriginal Education Office invites boards and school authorities to identify key teachers to join in training for virtual professional communities and sharing of resources.

The AEO will be hosting three regional sessions for Native Languages and Native Studies educators in collaboration with E-Learning Ontario to provide training on the Ontario Educational Resource Bank and the Collaborative Site of E-Learning Ontario. Topics will include how to share strategies using electronic resources and setting up a community of practice for Native Languages and Native Studies teachers.

Location (specific site will be determined shortly):
Sudbury/North Bay
Thunder Bay
Toronto

Regional Session Dates:
October 9 – 10, 2007
October 17 - 18, 2007
October 30 - 31, 2007

The Aboriginal Education Office (AEO) will reimburse boards for the cost of travel, accommodation, and meals (when not provided at the sessions) at government rates (breakfast $8.75, lunch, $11.25, and dinner, $20.00) for two individuals per board and one individual per school authority.

Please confirm the attendance of your representative(s) no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, October 4, 2007, completing the registration form and submitting to the following Aboriginal Education Office for your specific region by email or fax:
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The Aboriginal Education Office Education Officers will confirm the site arrangements with all participants by email including the agenda and any attachments by **Friday, October 5, 2007**.

If you require further information about these sessions, please contact the Aboriginal Education Office representative in your region. We look forward to collaborating on this initiative.

Sincerely,

Alayne Bigwin  
Director

c.c. Dominic Giroux, Assistant Deputy Minister  
George Zegarac, Assistant Deputy Minister  
Nancy Naylor, Assistant Deputy Minister  
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