MEMORANDUM TO: Supervisory Officers and Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities

FROM: Sue Durst
Director
Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch

DATE: March 5, 2007

SUBJECT: Curriculum Review: Applications for Curriculum Revision Writing for The Arts, Grades 1-12 to be held in Toronto

As you are aware, the Ministry has undertaken an ongoing cycle of curriculum review to assure curriculum coherence and age-appropriateness from Kindergarten through Grade 12 in all subjects. The process is parallel for the English and French language curriculum and builds on the quality curriculum foundation already in place while identifying areas in need of revision. The previous years’ reviews have focused on the Social Studies, History and Geography, Canadian and World Studies, Mathematics, Business Studies, Guidance and Career Education, Language/English, English as a Second Language/English Literacy Development, Kindergarten, Science and Technology, Science, and Technological Education curriculum documents. For the past number of years, school boards and school authorities have assisted the Ministry by identifying classroom teachers and coordinators/consultants/instructional leaders from their jurisdictions, with relevant experience and expertise, to apply for summer curriculum revision writing teams. The successful applicants participated in summer writing teams of educators to draft proposed revisions to these documents.

The next phase of the review cycle, the review of curriculum policy documents for The Arts (Dance, Drama/ Dramatic Arts, Media Arts, Music, Visual Arts), Grades 1-12, is underway. I appreciate your support for last year’s application process and ask for your help once again to identify educators for the Summer 2007 curriculum revision writing which will take place in Toronto. School authorities are invited to identify up to three educators, with the relevant experience and expertise, to apply to participate in the revision writing of:

- The Arts (Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts) 1-8 (one or two names)
- The Arts (Dance, Dramatic Arts, Media Arts, Music, Visual Arts, “Integrated Arts”(Comprehensive or Exploring the Arts)) 9-12 (one or two names)
- Total of three names
Please find attached:

- Application for Curriculum Revision Writing for The Arts 1-12;
- Curriculum Review: School Authority Response Form.

Please distribute the applications to appropriate personnel to identify individuals from your school authority. Individual applications are to be submitted to the school authority. The school authority will then select the three nominees. The selected applications, together with the accompanying authority response form signed by the Superintendent of Curriculum/Instruction, are due at the Ministry no later than April 5, 2007. Please fax application forms to David Geene and Christine Jackson at (416) 325-2575.

If you have any questions concerning the Application for Curriculum Revision Writing, please contact:

- Christine Jackson, The Arts, Grades 1-8 at (416) 325-2387 or by email christine.jackson@ontario.ca
- David Geene, The Arts, Grades 9-12 at (416) 325-5292 or by email david.geene@ontario.ca

Thank you for your ongoing support for the Curriculum Review process.

Sue Durst

Attachments

cc: Regional Managers