MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education

FROM: Sue Durst
Acting Director
Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch

DATE: October 3, 2006

SUBJECT: Curriculum Review Feedback Consultations on the drafts of proposed revisions to the Ontario Curriculum for English as a Second Language and English Literacy Development (ESL/ELD), Grades 9-12 and English, Grades 9-12

The review of the Grades 9-12 English and Grades 9-12 English as a Second Language and English Literacy Development curriculum policy documents began in September 2004. In fall 2004 representatives from school boards and school authorities participated in Focus Group Sessions for English 9-12 and ESL/ELD 9-12 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 evidence for recommendations for revisions. During the summers of 2005 and 2006, writing teams of educators drafted proposed revisions to the English 9-12 and ESL/ELD 9-12 documents 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 English 9-12 and ESL/ELD 9-12. The Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch of the Ministry of Education will be hosting a one day Feedback Consultation for these policy documents. 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.

Each board is invited to send one educational representative to the Feedback Consultation session. The representative should be a subject/program specialist with a strong knowledge of the current curriculum/program document and the ability to coordinate a process within the board to gather feedback on the draft of the proposed revisions. It is important that the representative understand that at the feedback session participants will discuss the process through which school boards, school authorities and stakeholders can provide feedback. This feedback is an essential component of the curriculum development process. The Funding Memo to school boards for 2005 - 2006 may support this initiative.
The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 9 - 12, English as a Second Language and English Literacy Development, 1999.

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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 session. If your representative is a classroom teacher, the cost of supply coverage for the Feedback Consultation session will be reimbursed at the board rate.

Please complete the attached Registration Form listing the name of the representative from your school board attending each session and return it to the attention of Lilibeth Alagar by email at lilibeth.alagar@Ontario.ca or FAX at (416) 325-2879 by October 20, 2006. Representatives should be informed of the board’s expectation.

If you have any questions concerning these Feedback Consultation Sessions, please contact the following:

ESL/ELD, Grades 9-12 - Lyle Pearson, Education Officer, Ministry of Education,  
(416) 325-0888;  

English, Grades 9-12 - Michael O’Gorman, Education Officer, Ministry of Education,  
(416) 325-2336;

Thank you for your participation and ongoing support of the curriculum review process.

Original signed by Baiba St. John per:  
Sue Durst

Attachment

cc: Regional Office Managers
## CURRICULUM REVIEW

*Feedback Consultation Sessions*

*Proposed Revisions to:*

*ESL/ELD, Grades 9 - 12; English, Grades 9 - 10; English, Grades 11 - 12*

## REGISTRATION FORM

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**District School Board/Authority:**  ______________________________________________

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