MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Secretary Treasurers and Supervisory Officers of School Authorities

FROM: Alayne Bigwin
Director
Aboriginal Education Office

DATE: May 10, 2007

SUBJECT: Invitation to Participate in a Teleconference Regarding Native Languages/Native Studies Initiatives

The Aboriginal Education Office (AEO) is moving forward with another of the key strategies outlined in the First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework and invites boards and school authorities to identify teachers to join us for discussions around Native Studies and Native Languages.

The AEO will be facilitating teleconferences in all regions during the first week of June to talk about Native Languages and Native Studies. The goal of these teleconferences is to provide an opportunity for teachers of Native Languages and Native Studies to share information on the resource material that is currently available to support the teaching of these subjects, to identify gaps in information and materials, and to exchange ideas on how AEO can best support the development and sharing of new resources in the future.

We are looking forward to this exciting exchange of ideas and invite boards to identify two individuals per board and school authorities to identify one individual per school authority to participate in these sessions that will be conducted in each region. We hope to conclude the initial round of discussions by June 4, 2007.

Please email the attached completed form to the Aboriginal Education Officer in your region by Tuesday, May 22, 2007.
Our AEO contact information is as follows:

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The Aboriginal Education Officers will confirm the teleconference arrangements with all participants by email or telephone including the agenda and any attachments by Friday, May 25, 2007.

If you require further information about these teleconferences, please contact the Aboriginal Education Officer in your region.

We look forward to working with you on this initiative.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Alaynë Bigwin
Director

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