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

FROM: Paul Ménard, Regional Manager

DATE: February 9, 2007

SUBJECT: Participation in “First Nations Education Funding: Special Education and Tuition Agreements” Information Sessions

The Aboriginal Education Office has developed a resource package entitled “First Nations Education: Special Education and Tuition Agreements” in collaboration with the Transfer Payment Financial Reporting branch, the Special Education branches, and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. This is intended as a resource for boards and First Nations.

The AEO will release the resource through a series of sessions, collaboratively planned and facilitated with INAC. First Nations communities and organizations will also be invited to participate. The sessions will provide an opportunity for school board/authority personnel to interact with First Nation personnel.

We would suggest the following participation: Director of Education, superintendent of business, superintendent of program/special education, two school principals.

Please confirm the attendance of your board participants by completing the attached participation form. Submit this form to Bryon Brisard in this Regional Office either by email or fax no later than February 28, 2007.

The Ministry of Education will reimburse boards and school authorities for the cost of travel and meals (when not provided at the meeting) at government rates for up to five participants from each school board and two participants from each school authority.

If you require further information about this session, please contact Elizabeth Bigwin at liz.bigwin@ontario.ca or 705 725-7591.
Thank you for your support as we work together to create a better future for Aboriginal students.

Sincerely,

Paul Ménard
Regional Manager

Attachment

c.c.: Alayne Bigwin, Director, Aboriginal Education Office