Memorandum To: Directors of Education  
Supervisory Officers and  
Secretary Treasurers of School Authorities

From: Carlana Lindeman

Date: November 16, 2006

Subject: Trustee Orientation Seminars

Further to my memo of October 24, 2006, I am pleased to forward an invitation for you and your trustees to attend the 2006 Trustee Orientation Seminars. The agenda and registration form are attached.

The Ministry of Education, in partnership with the four provincial trustee associations and the Council of Directors of Education, is hosting our regional orientation seminar in Thunder Bay on Thursday December 7, 2006. As the agenda indicates, the one-day seminar will focus on student achievement. Newly elected and returning trustees will benefit from presentations from Ministry representatives and experienced trustees from boards who will share best practices on improving student achievement. Student trustees and Native trustees are also encouraged to attend.

The seminar will take place at the Valhalla Inn and will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:45 p.m. This should allow most participants to travel to and from the seminar the same day. For those trustees travelling more than 200 km each way to attend the seminar in this region, a limited travel subsidy of $150 and an accommodation subsidy of $100 will be available. Expense claim forms will be distributed at the seminar.

We are also offering an additional orientation seminar specifically for school authority trustees in Barrie, Thunder Bay and Sudbury. These sessions will focus on issues unique to school authorities, including funding and governance issues. School authority trustees are invited to attend both the larger session as well as the specialized training session focussing on school authorities. The school authority sessions will take place from 6:00 pm – 8:00 on the following dates:

- Monday, December 4 Barrie Holiday Inn West
- Tuesday, December 5 Thunder Bay Valhalla Inn
- Wednesday, December 13 Sudbury Holiday Inn
Please complete the attached registration form and return it to me by email by November 27, 2006. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 1-800-465-5020 or (807) 474-2990.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by

Carlena Lindeman
Regional Manager
Thunder Bay Regional Office

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2006 TRUSTEE ORIENTATION SEMINAR
REGISTRATION FORM
District School Board and School Authority

Valhalla Inn
1 Valhalla Inn Road
Thunder Bay ON P7E 6J1
December 7, 2006
8:30am-3:45pm

Please complete this registration form and return it to the Thunder Bay Regional Office by November 27, 2006 date.

NAME OF BOARD: ________________________________________________

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DIRECTOR/SUPERVISORY OFFICER:

☐ WILL ATTEND

☐ WILL NOT ATTEND
2006 TRUSTEE ORIENTATION SEMINAR  
School Authority Trustees Only  
REGISTRATION FORM

Valhalla Inn  
1 Valhalla Inn Road  
Thunder Bay ON P7E 6J1  
December 5, 2006  
6pm – 8pm

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SUPERVISORY OFFICER:

☐ WILL ATTEND  
☐ WILL NOT ATTEND
2006 TRUSTEE ORIENTATION SEMINARS

Valhalla Inn
1 Valhalla Inn Road
Thunder Bay ON P7E 6J1
December 7, 2006
8:30am-3:45pm

AGENDA

8:30 – 8:50
Registration & Refreshments

8:50 – 9:00
Welcoming Remarks
  o Ministry of Education Regional Manager
  o Trustee Association Representative

9:00 – 9:20
Plenary Session: “Improving Student Achievement, Closing the Gaps, and Enhancing Confidence in Publicly Funded Education”
  o Dr. Ben Levin, Deputy Minister of Education; or
  o Dominic Giroux, Assistant Deputy Minister, French-Language Education and Educational Operations Division; or
  o Dr. Avis Glaze, Chief Student Achievement Officer and Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat CEO; or
  o Dr. Michael Fullan, Special Advisor to the Premier and the Minister of Education

9:20: - 10:00
Questions/Discussion

10:00 – 10:15
Break

10:15 – 11:00
Panel A (English)
“Effective Strategies to Support Literacy & Numeracy and Student Success”
  o Ministry Representatives from LNS and L 18

Panel B (French)
“Effective Strategies to Support Literacy & Numeracy and Student Success”
  o Ministry Representatives from LNS, L 18 and/or FSB

11:00 – 12:00
“Making it Work at our Board”
  o Board Discussion Tables and Report Backs in each of the English and French sessions

12:00 – 1:00
Lunch

1:00 – 2:30
English Session: “Promising Practices”

Experiences of Boards with a Track Record of Significant Improvement in Student Achievement & How Trustees Influenced this Success”
  o panel of representatives from local boards

French Session: Aménagement linguistique

2:30 – 3:45
Supports from Trustee Associations in English & French Sessions