Enclosed with this memo please find copies of the new Ministry document, *Education Policy and Program Update to June 30, 2009*, as promised in the memo dated June 26, 2009. This document provides a summary of the changes to secondary school policy, program and diploma requirements currently described in *Ontario Secondary Schools (OSS), Grades 9 to 12: Program and Diploma Requirement (1999)* and lists other policy and program changes and recent initiatives and resources that impact elementary and secondary schools.

This resource is intended to help bridge the gap for teachers and administrators until the release of a new Kindergarten to Grade 12 school policy document which will reflect a coherent vision for education in the province across the elementary and secondary panels. Part A of this resource is structured to parallel the Table of Contents of OSS:99. Changes are identified under the headings of sections of OSS:99 to which they relate. Unless a change is indicated, all other provisions outlined in any given section of OSS:99 remain in effect, unchanged.

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Part B of this document identifies policies and programs introduced since 1999 that affect all schools from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Part C outlines a selection of recent initiatives and resources that do not represent new policy but have an impact on, and support the efforts of Ontario schools.

The resource was posted on the Ministry website at the end of June at www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/document/curricul/secondary/oss/epp.pdf and each policy change, program and/or recent initiative listed in it includes the relevant source document(s) and web-link. The guide on the website will be updated twice per year, in December and June, if required, to ensure that the web version is current. This process will continue up until the time when the new Kindergarten to Grade 12 policy document is released.

Directors of Education are receiving 10 copies to share with their Superintendents. Secondary School and Elementary School Principals are receiving 5 copies and 3 copies respectively, to share with the appropriate members of their staff. As this is intended to be a web-based document, only a limited number of additional hard copies have been printed. These are available for order through Publications Ontario at www.publications.serviceontario.ca but will be limited to 25 copies per district school board or, for larger school boards, one additional copy per secondary school.

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