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

From: Nancy Matthews
Deputy Minister

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Subject: Release of The Ontario Curriculum: Classical Studies and International Languages, Grades 9 to 12, 2016

The curriculum policy document for The Ontario Curriculum: Classical Studies and International Languages, Grades 9 to 12, 2016, has been posted on the Ministry of Education website at http://edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/secondary/classiclang.html, for school boards, schools and other education stakeholders. Print documents will be distributed to schools and school boards shortly. Training for implementation has already been completed by the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch. Mandatory implementation of the document begins in September 2017. Schools that wish to use this document for the 2016-17 school year are welcome to do so.

The revisions to Classical Studies and International Languages, Grades 9 to 12, 2016, are the result of work done through the curriculum review process by teams of educators which began in 2009. The review process was guided by research on new approaches specific to this discipline, benchmarking/comparing the curriculum with that of other national and international jurisdictions, and consultations with educators, students, parents and a wide range of stakeholders. These consultations provided valuable insights into the areas of the curriculum that require strengthening.

The Classical Studies and International Languages curriculum also aligns with other existing and newly released government policies and documents, including Acting Today, Shaping Tomorrow – Policy Framework for Environmental Education, Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy, A Sound Investment – Financial Literacy Education in Ontario Schools, Growing Success, Learning for All, Literacy Strategy, Mental Health Strategy, First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework, the Comprehensive Action Plan on Accepting Schools, Safe Schools Action Team – Shaping a Culture of Respect in Our Schools, Promoting Safe and Healthy Relationships and others.
If you have any questions about this curriculum policy document, please contact the appropriate Regional Office for information. Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministry’s curriculum review process.

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