MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Secretary-Treasurers and Supervisory Officers of School Authorities
Principals of Secondary Schools
Principals of First Nation Secondary Schools
Principals of Inspected Private Schools

FROM: George Zegarac
Deputy Minister (A)

DATE: December 5, 2008

SUBJECT: Release of Revised Grades 9 and 10 Science Curriculum Policy Document
Release of Revised Grades 10-12 Computer Studies Curriculum Policy Document

The Ministry is committed to providing supports for the Student Success/Learning to 18 Initiatives. Included in these supports are revisions to provincial curriculum policy documents to maintain a high-quality education system that ensures success for all students.

In 2006 through 2007 the Ministry completed feedback consultations for the drafts of proposed revisions to: *The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 9 and 10, Science*; and *The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 9-12, Technological Education*. Input from this process and other consultations was analysed and used to guide further revisions to the draft curriculum policy documents. Please note that as a result of this process, Part B: Computer Studies of the current Grades 11 and 12 Technological Education curriculum policy document has been replaced by a new Grades 10-12 Computer Studies curriculum policy document. To meet the Group 3 additional compulsory credit requirement, students have the choice of earning one credit for a course in computer studies (Grades 10 to 12) or technological education (Grades 9 to 12), or one credit for an additional course in science (Grade 11 or 12), or one credit for a cooperative education course.

The revised curriculum policy documents for Science 9 and 10, and Computer Studies 10-12 are ready for release to school boards, schools and other education stakeholders. To facilitate implementation, copies of the revised curriculum documents were recently posted on the Ministry website in November 2008. Print copies of the documents will be distributed to school boards and schools beginning in late fall 2008. Mandatory implementation of these curriculum documents begins in September 2009. Training sessions for implementation to support the
delivery of the revised curriculum documents in schools are being provided across the province during the fall of 2008 and winter of 2009.

If you have any questions about the revised curriculum policy documents, 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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