MEMORANDUM TO: Supervisory Officers and Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities

FROM: Sue Durst
       Director
       Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch

DATE: February 26, 2008

SUBJECT: Curriculum Review: Applications for Curriculum Revision Writing for Health and Physical Education, Grades 1-12 to be held in Toronto, Summer 2008

As you are aware, the Ministry has undertaken an ongoing cycle of curriculum review to assure curriculum coherence and age-appropriateness from Kindergarten through Grade 12 in all subjects. The process is parallel for the English and French language curriculum and builds on the quality curriculum foundation already in place while identifying areas in need of revision. The previous years' reviews have focused on the Social Studies, History and Geography, Canadian and World Studies, Mathematics, Business Studies, Guidance and Career Education, Language/English, English as a Second Language/English Literacy Development, Kindergarten, Science and Technology, Science, Technological Education, and the Arts curriculum policy documents. For the past number of years, Supervisory Officers and Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities have assisted the Ministry by identifying classroom teachers and coordinators/consultants/instructional leaders from their school authorities, with relevant experience and expertise, to apply for summer curriculum revision writing teams. The successful applicants participated in summer writing teams of educators to draft proposed revisions to these documents.

The next phase of the review cycle, the review of curriculum policy documents for Health and Physical Education, Grades 1-12, is underway. I appreciate your support for last year’s application process and ask for your help once again to identify educators for the Summer 2008 curriculum revision writing which will take place in Toronto. School authorities are invited to identify up to one educator, with the relevant experience and expertise, to apply to participate in the revision writing of either:

- Health and Physical Education, Grades 1-8; or
- Health and Physical Education, Grades 9-12
Please find attached:

− Application for Curriculum Revision Writing for Health and Physical Education, 1-12;
− Curriculum Review: Board Response Form.

Please distribute the applications to appropriate personnel to identify individuals from your school board. Individual applications are to be submitted to the Supervisory Officers and Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities. The Supervisory Officers and Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities will then select the one nominee. The selected applications, together with the accompanying board response form signed by the Superintendent of Curriculum/Instruction, are due at the Ministry no later than Friday, April 4, 2008. Please fax or e-mail application forms to Myra Stephen and Debra Courville at (416) 325-2575.

If you have any questions concerning the Application for Curriculum Revision Writing, please contact:

- Myra Stephen, Health and Physical Education, Grades 1-8 at (416) 212-5871 or by email myra.stephen@ontario.ca
- Debra Courville, Health and Physical Education, Grades 9-12 at (416) 212-5700 or by email debra.courville@ontario.ca

Thank you for your ongoing support for the Curriculum Review process.

Sue Durst

Attachments

cc: Regional Managers