MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education  
Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities  
Provincial Schools Branch  
Supervisory Officers  
Principals of Elementary Schools  
Principals of First Nation Elementary Schools

FROM: Philip Steenkamp  
Acting Deputy Minister

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SUBJECT: Release of Revised Grades 1-8 Science and Technology Curriculum Policy Document

The Ministry is committed to providing supports for the Literacy and Numeracy and Student Success 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, the Ministry completed a feedback consultation for the drafts of proposed revisions to The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 1-8: Science and Technology, 1998. Input from this process and other consultations was analysed and used to guide further revisions to the draft curriculum document. The revised elementary curriculum policy document is ready for release to school boards, schools and other education stakeholders.

To facilitate implementation, a copy of the revised curriculum document will be posted on the Ministry website in December 2007. Print copies of the document will be distributed to school boards and schools beginning in February 2008. Mandatory implementation of the document begins in September 2008. Training sessions for implementation to support the delivery of the revised curriculum in schools will be provided across the province in Spring 2008.

If you have any questions about the revised 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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