MEMORANDUM TO: Principals, Elementary Schools

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SUBJECT: Junior Division Materials for Comprehension and Thinking Skills for English Language Schools

The Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat (LNS) has created ready-to-use junior division materials for effective teaching of comprehension and thinking skills. These professional learning materials can be used by individual teachers or facilitators working with groups of teachers. Administrators and teachers are encouraged to select and adopt the materials to suit their school and board needs.

In 2007, all district school boards and schools received copies of the first two modules:

- *Comprehending in Action: Inferring* (Module 1);
- *Comprehending in Action: Evaluating* (Module 2).

In 2008, all district school boards and schools will receive copies of the last two modules in this professional learning series:

- *Comprehending in Action: Linking Reading and Writing for Higher Order Thinking* (Module 3) - is being sent to district school boards and schools in February 2008;
- *Comprehending in Action: Synthesis* (Module 4) – will be sent to district school boards and schools in early spring 2008.

*Comprehending in Action: Connecting Reading and Writing for Higher-Order Thinking*, included in this package, is a multi-media package containing:

- a power point presentation and notes
- facilitator’s booklet
- teacher resource material
- Video clips of teachers and students in classrooms
For your access, all materials will be posted on the coaching website at www.curriculum.org/LNS/coaching. You may order additional copies by contacting Curriculum Services Canada at 1-866-915-1133.

If you have any questions, please contact Judith Taylor, Team Leader Capacity Building Team at Judith.Taylor@ontario.ca.

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