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: Ben Levin
Deputy Minister

DATE: January 2, 2009

SUBJECT: Release of Revised Grades 11 and 12 Science 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 11 and 12, Science*. Input from this process and other consultations was analysed and used to guide further revisions to the draft curriculum policy document. Also, please note that the document now includes two new Grade 11 courses with a focus on Environmental Science as recommended in the report *Shaping Our Schools Shaping Our Future*, June 2007.

The revised curriculum policy document for Science 11 and 12 is ready for release to school boards, schools and other education stakeholders. To facilitate implementation, a copy of the revised curriculum document was recently posted on the Ministry website in December 2008. Print copies of the document will be distributed to school boards and schools beginning in early 2009. Mandatory implementation of this curriculum document as well as *The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 9 and 10, Science*, which was released in November 2008, begin in September 2009. Training sessions for implementation to support the delivery of both of these revised curriculum documents in schools are being provided across the province during February and March 2009.
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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