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

FROM: Sue Durst
Director
Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch

DATE: January 26, 2010

SUBJECT: Curriculum Review: Nominations and Applications for Technical Analysis of the Native Studies Curriculum

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. For the past number of years, Directors of Education have assisted the Ministry by identifying classroom teachers and coordinators/consultants/instructional leaders from their boards, with relevant experience and expertise, to support various aspects of the review process.

Year 7 of the curriculum review cycle began in September 2009 with Native Studies being one of the curriculum areas under review. We are looking to create a Technical Analysis Team to do a line by line examination of the strengths and areas for improvement for the Native Studies curriculum documents. During this process, the teachers offer recommendations and rational to further improve the curriculum.

Technical Analysis will occur for four days from March 2 - 5, 2010 in Toronto. The Ministry of Education will cover supply coverage for teachers as well as any incidental costs for travel, food and accommodation for teachers based on Ministry of Education guidelines.

School boards are invited to nominate up to two educators, with the relevant experience and expertise, in Native Studies, Grades 9-10 and Native Studies, Grades 11-12 for the Technical Analysis process.

Please find attached:
1. Board Nomination Form NS
2. Technical Analysis Application NS
Please distribute the application to appropriate personnel who will identify two individuals from your school board. These two individuals will complete and return the applications to your board for submission to the Ministry.

The Board Nomination Form signed by the Superintendent of Curriculum/Instruction and the Technical Analysis Application Form are due to the Ministry no later than Friday February 12, 2010. Please send them to scott.tate@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions concerning the Nominations or Application for Technical Analysis of the Native Studies Curriculum, please contact:

- Scott Tate
  Education Officer – Native Studies/Native Languages
  (416) 314-6705 or scott.tate@ontario.ca

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

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