MEMORANDUM TO: Key Stakeholder Groups

FROM: Sue Durst
Director
Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch

DATE: March 3, 2008

SUBJECT: Curriculum Review Feedback Consultations on the drafts of proposed revisions to the Ontario Curriculum for The Arts, Grades 11-12

The review of the The Arts, Grades 1-12 curriculum policy documents began in September 2006. In fall 2006, representatives from school boards and school authorities participated in Focus Group Sessions for The Arts 1-12 hosted by the Ministry of Education across the province. Focus Group input, feedback from other stakeholders, research, and analysis of current curriculum policy documents provided recommendations for revisions. During the summer of 2007, writing teams of educators drafted proposed revisions to The Arts 1-12 curriculum documents to address the recommendations. In the fall of 2007 representatives from boards, school authorities and other stakeholders participated in feedback consultations for The Arts, Grades 1-10.

The Ministry is continuing the next stage of the review process, Feedback Consultation, on the drafts of proposed revisions to the Ontario curriculum for The Arts, Grades 11-12. The Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch of the Ministry of Education will be hosting one day regional Feedback Consultation information sessions for these policy documents. Participants attending the Feedback Consultation will receive information about the curriculum review process and the rationale for the types of revisions proposed in the draft. Participants will also have the opportunity to examine the draft document with their arts colleagues and discuss the process through which school boards, school authorities and stakeholders can provide feedback.

We invite your organization to send one representative to attend one Feedback Consultation session held in your region. It is important that the representatives understand that at the feedback session, participants will discuss the process through which school boards, school authorities and stakeholders can provide input and comments on the proposed revisions. This feedback consultation is an essential component of the curriculum review process.
The following chart indicates the dates and locations for the feedback consultation information session in your region.

### Feedback Consultation Sessions – Ontario Curriculum, The Arts Grades 9-12

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| Ottawa            | Ottawa         | Holiday Inn Select Hotel & Suites
101 Kanata Ave.
Kanata ON K2T 1E6
Direct 613-271-2390
Fax 613-271-2374 | Monday, April 7, 2008 | 8:30 am-3:30 pm |
| Thunder Bay       | Thunder Bay    | Valhalla Inn
1 Valhalla Inn Road
Thunder Bay, ON
1-800-964-1121
or 807-577-1121 | Wednesday, April 9, 2008 | 8:30 am-3:30 pm |
| North Bay/Sudbury | Sudbury        | Howard Johnson Plaza
50 Brady St
Sudbury ON P3E 1C8
(705) 675-5602 | Thursday, April 10, 2008 | 8:30 am-3:30 pm |
| Toronto           | Burlington     | Holiday Inn Burlington
3063 South Sevice Road
Burlington, ON L7N 3E9
(905) 639-4443 | Monday, April 14, 2008 | 8:30 am-3:30 pm |
| Barrie            | Barrie         | Holiday Inn
20 Fairview Road
Barrie, ON L4N 4P3
(705) 728-6191 | Tuesday, April 15, 2008 | 8:30 am-3:30 pm |
| London 1          | London         | Best Western Stoneridge Inn and Conference Centre
6675 Burtwistle Lane
London, N6L 1H5
519 652-6022 | Thursday, April 16, 2008 | 8:30 am-3:30 pm |
| London 2          | Stoney Creek   | Chandelier Place
660 Barton Street
Stoney Creek, L8E 5L6
905 643 4291 | Friday, April 18, 2008 | 8:30 am-3:30 pm |

*Note: There are two sessions for the London region*
All travel expenses including accommodation, (where required) will be covered by the Ministry, following Ministry guidelines. An expense claim form will be made available to participants at the sessions. If a representative is a classroom teacher, the cost of supply coverage for the Feedback Consultation sessions will be reimbursed at the board rate.

**Note:** Registration will begin at 8:30 am. A continental breakfast will be provided.

Please complete the attached Registration Form listing the names of the representatives from your school board attending the session and return it to the attention of Lilibeth Alagar by e-mail at lilibeth.alagar@Ontario.ca or FAX at (416) 325-2879 by Friday, March 28, 2008.

If you have any questions concerning these Feedback Consultation Sessions, please contact: Mitchell Shore, Coordinator, Curriculum Review, Ministry of Education, (416) 325-2387.

Thank you for your participation and ongoing support of the curriculum review process.

*Original signed by:*
Sue Durst

Attachment

**cc:** Kit Rankin, Director, Field Services Branch  
Regional Office Managers
**CURRICULUM REVIEW**

*Feedback Consultation Sessions Proposed Revisions to:*
*The Arts, Grades 9-12*

**REGISTRATION FORM**

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