MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education

FROM: Stephen Simard

DATE: March 19, 2009

SUBJECT: Community Use of Schools: Outreach Coordinators

I am writing to provide you with information about the Ministry of Education’s Community Use of Schools (CUS) program, specifically the Outreach Coordinators component.

As you are aware, since the 2008-09 school year this Government has provided annual funding to school boards through the CUS program to hire Outreach Coordinators. These coordinators would help to ensure the effectiveness of the Community Use of Schools program at the local level through: community outreach, developing school board Community Use of Schools policies, coordinating with the Ministry, school boards, local schools and the local community, sharing information, collecting data, and completing Ministry reports.

As funding began in the 2008-09 school year, it is the expectation of the Ministry that all school boards have hired outreach coordinators and that these individuals are currently in place.

Further to this, the Ministry will be holding a teleconference between our Field Services Branch and Outreach Coordinators. The teleconference for the Sudbury-North Bay region will be held on April 16, 2009 at 10:30 am. An agenda is attached for your perusal. We are hoping that all Outreach Coordinators will be able to participate in this teleconference.

We invite you to complete and return the attached registration form to Teresa Stewart by April 8, 2009, by e-mail at teresa.stewart@ontario.ca or by fax at (705) 564-4233.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Teresa Stewart at (705) 564-7283 or by email at teresa.stewart@ontario.ca

Thank you for your help in this matter

Sincerely,
Stephen Simard
Acting Regional Manager