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

FROM: Sue Durst
      Director
      Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch

DATE: March 1, 2010

SUBJECT: Curriculum Review: Nominations and Applications for Technical Analysis of the Native Languages 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 Languages 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 Languages curriculum documents in May 2010. During this process, the teachers offer recommendations and rational to further improve the curriculum.

Technical Analysis will occur for five days on May 13, 14, and May 19-21, 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 four educators, with the relevant experience and expertise, in Native Languages, Grades 1-8, Native Languages, Grades 9-10, and Native Languages, Grades 11-12 for the Technical Analysis process.

Please find attached:
   1. Board Nomination Form Native Languages
   2. Technical Analysis Application Native Languages

Please distribute the application to appropriate personnel who will identify up to four individuals from your school board. These 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 Forms from the nominated teachers are due to the Ministry no later than Friday, April 9, 2010. Please send them to Leslee.White-Eye@ontario.ca.

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

- Leslee White-Eye
  Education Officer – Native Languages
  (519) 667-2014 or Leslee.White-Eye@ontario.ca

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

Original signed by

Sue Durst

Attachments

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