MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Sue Durst
      Director
      Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch

DATE: May 11, 2009

SUBJECT: Curriculum Development: Social Sciences and Humanities
          Proposed Grade 12 Course: World Cultures (REVISED)

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 and Supervisory Officers and Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities have assisted the Ministry by identifying classroom teachers and coordinators/consultants/instructional leaders from their boards, with relevant experience and expertise, to apply for summer curriculum revision writing teams.

At this time we are asking for your assistance in a Curriculum Development project associated with the review of the social sciences and humanities curriculum. As noted in the attached Indication of Interest, the Ministry is preparing to develop a course in World Cultures. It is anticipated that this course will be included in the revised Social Sciences and Humanities, Grades 11 and 12 document when it is released in 2010. The Ministry is interested in hearing from current secondary teachers, curriculum co-ordinators and consultants who are interested in participating in this development process in some capacity, including course writing.

Please find attached the Indication of Interest and Application form for this curriculum development opportunity.

Please distribute the applications to appropriate personnel in your school board. Completed applications may be forwarded by e-mail to Josie Vite at Josie.Vite@Ontario.ca by May 29, 2009.

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If you have any questions concerning the Application for Curriculum Development, please contact Karen Gill at Karen.gill@ontario.ca or at 416-325-5290.

Thank you for your interest in this curriculum development project.

Sue Durst
Attachment
cc Regional Managers

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