MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Program Superintendents
Faculties of Education
Secretary – Treasurers of School Authorities
Principals and Vice-Principals of Elementary Schools
Principals of Provincial and Demonstration Schools
Principal of the Independent Learning Centre

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SUBJECT: Supporting English Language Learners, Grades 1 – 8: Video and Print Resources.

One of the ministry’s key goals in its strategic direction is to reach every student, including English language learners.

We are pleased to provide you with the DVD resource, Supporting English Language Learners, Grades 1 – 8: Video and Print Resources.

This resource supports the implementation of Supporting English Language Learners in Grades 1-8: a practical guide for Ontario Educators which was released in December 2008. It will assist classroom teachers in supporting a growing demographic within Ontario schools – English language learners. Teachers will better understand the types of supports these students require to learn the language of instruction in English language schools at the same time as they are working towards meeting the curriculum expectations.

For more information about this resource, please do not hesitate to contact Burns Wattie by phone at 416-326-4044 or by e-mail at burns.wattie@ontario.ca or Judith Taylor by phone at 416-326-1464 or by e-mail at judith.taylor@ontario.ca
We look forward to continuing to work with you to reach the government’s goal of creating a better future for all students in Ontario.

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