MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
               Secretary-Treasurers and Supervisory Officers of School Authorities
               Principals of Elementary Schools
               Principals of First Nation Elementary Schools

FROM: Ben Levin
      Deputy Minister

DATE: May 5, 2009

SUBJECT: Release of Revised Grades 1-8 The Arts Curriculum Policy Document

The Ministry is committed to providing supports for the Literacy and Numeracy initiative. Included in these supports are revisions to provincial curriculum policy documents to maintain a high-quality education system that ensures success for all students.

In 2007 the Ministry completed feedback consultations for the draft of proposed revisions to The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 1-8, The Arts. Input from this process and other consultations was analysed and used to guide further revisions to the draft curriculum policy document. The revised curriculum policy document for The Arts 1-8 is ready for release to school boards, schools and other education stakeholders.

To facilitate implementation, a copy of the revised curriculum document will be posted on the Ministry website in May 2009. Print copies of the document will be distributed to school boards and schools beginning in spring 2009. Mandatory implementation of this document begins in September 2009. Training sessions for implementation to support the delivery of the revised curriculum document in schools were held across the province during the fall of 2008.
If you have any questions about the revised curriculum policy document, please contact the appropriate Regional Office for information. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Ministry’s curriculum review process.

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