Revisions to provincial curriculum policy documents, through the curriculum review process which began in February 2003, have ensured a high-quality education system that supports success for all students from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Year 7 of the Ministry of Education’s 7-year cycle for curriculum review began in September 2009. The curriculum policy documents entering this last year of the 7-year cycle are:

- Classical Studies and International Languages, Grades 9-12
- Interdisciplinary Studies, Grades 11 and 12
- Native Languages, Grades 1-12
- Native Studies, Grades 9-12
- Social Studies, Grades 1-6/History and Geography, Grades 7 and 8/Canadian and World Studies, Grades 9-12.

The following revised curriculum policy documents were released during the 2008 – 2009 school year for mandatory implementation beginning in September 2009:
The Ministry is aware of the concerns expressed by teachers and district school boards of the need to provide time and resources to teachers to support them in deeper implementation of the revised curriculum policy documents that have been released to date through the curriculum review process. The reviews of curricula currently under consideration will conclude in spring 2012.

The Ministry has decided not to initiate a new cycle of curriculum review until September 2012. This change will provide more time for the development and availability of resources, including textbooks and units of study, consistent with the revised curricula and help to address curriculum areas in need of support as identified through the curriculum review process. Following the completion of current reviews of curricula in spring 2012, plans for the next phase of the curriculum review process that will begin in fall 2012 with reviews of the business studies, mathematics, and guidance and career education curriculum policy documents, will be communicated to schools and school boards.

This timetable will also enable the Ministry, school boards, and schools to consolidate other emerging education policy initiatives, including environmental education, inclusive/equity education, the revised assessment and evaluation policy (scheduled for release in winter 2010), and Early Learning into their ongoing initiatives. In addition, information gathered from schools and boards during this period will inform plans for the next curriculum review process.

An updated chart summarizing the revised 7-year curriculum review cycle is attached for your convenience. If you have any questions about the revised curriculum policy documents or the updated curriculum review cycle, 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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