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

FROM: Sue Durst
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DATE: September 14, 2009

SUBJECT: Dead Sea Scrolls Grade 8 Lesson Plan

The purpose of this memo is to inform you that a Grade 8 Language and the Arts (Drama) lesson plan, focussing information about the Dead Sea Scrolls, is now available in the Ontario Educational Resource Bank (OERB). The lesson plan is available at http://resources.elearningontario.ca/.

This lesson plan was developed by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with the Royal Ontario Museum. It models integration of the new elementary Arts curriculum expectations (drama) with Language expectations (reading). This lesson provides students with insight into the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls and would also complement a class visit to the exhibit for schools choosing to attend. The Dead Sea Scrolls exhibition is at the ROM until January 3, 2010.

For more information about this lesson plan, please do not hesitate to contact JoAnne Folville by phone at (416) 325-2086 or by e-mail at JoAnne.Folville@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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