MEMORANDUM TO: First Nation School Principals in the London Region
                   First Nation Child Care Providers in the London Region

FROM:        Gerry Treble
             Regional Manager
             Field Services Branch
             London Regional Office

DATE:        September 27, 2011

SUBJECT:     First Nation Schools and First Nations Child Care Providers
             Information Session: Full-Day Early Learning-Kindergarten
             Program

The London Regional Office is pleased to invite First Nation School representatives and
First Nation child care providers to a two-day training session on the Full-Day Early
Learning-Kindergarten Program at the London Regional Office.

The two-day session will explore the principles behind play-based learning and learning
through inquiry in Kindergarten so that children may develop a strong foundation for
learning in all areas, including language and math, engage in healthy physical activities
and the arts, and develop socially and emotionally through interaction with their peers
and the educators who guide them. The teacher and early childhood educators are
guided by a curriculum document based on the existing kindergarten program and
research and other early learning curricula including the Early Learning Framework.

While this initiative does not apply to First Nation schools or First Nations child care
providers, a presentation of key approaches to play-based learning and small group
instruction will be explored. These approaches will be discussed through the lenses of
Rethink (our current practices), Repeat (those that are grounded in current research)
and Remove (those that are not grounded in current research). Participants will have
opportunities to discuss the impact of the new program on children entering Grade 1.

Each First Nation school is invited to send two Kindergarten teachers. Each child care
provider is invited to send one Early Childhood Educator. Attached to this
memorandum is the registration form, Appendix A. On the registration form, please
identify your school’s contact person.
The session is scheduled as follows:

**Date:** Tuesday, October 18 and Wednesday, October 19, 2011

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** 2nd Floor, Large Board Room, 217 York Street, London, Ontario

**Telephone Number:** (519) 667-1440

**Toll Free Number:** 1-800-265-4221

We do not have a public parking lot; however, parking can be found across the street at Galleria Mall (also known as the Citi Plaza) located at 355 Wellington Street London, Ontario, N6A 3N7; or at the Via Rail Station located at 205 York Street, London, Ontario, N6A 1B1. Parking may also be located at the corner of York and Richmond. Parking fees vary and may range from $6.00 to $10.00 for the day.

### Registration Information

The registration forms are to be returned to the London Regional Office no later than **October 13, 2011** to the attention of Anne Nguyen by e-mail at Anne.T.Nguyen@ontario.ca or by fax at 1-519-667-9769.

A cost-recovery fee of **$25** per registrant will apply. Lunch is included in the fee. The Ministry does not accept cash.

Please send a cheque **payable to the Minister of Finance** upon registration to the attention of Anne Nguyen, Administrative Assistant (A), Ministry of Education, London Regional Office, 217 York Street, Suite 207, London, Ontario, N6A 5P9.

All costs for travel, accommodations and supply coverage are the responsibility of the First Nation Education Authority and First Nation child care provider.

Should you have any questions or concerns about this information session, please contact Leslee White-Eye at (519) 667-2014/1-877-421-7186 or by e-mail at leslee.white-eye@ontario.ca at the Ministry of Education, London Regional Office.

Sincerely,

*Original Signed By*

Gerry Treble,
Regional Manager

Enclosures.