MEMORANDUM TO:  Directors of Education  

FROM:  Dominic Giroux  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
French-Language Education and Educational Operations  

DATE:  September 22, 2008  

SUBJECT:  Directors Council on Aboriginal Education - November 12, 2008  

On behalf of myself and my co-chairs, Catherine McCullough and Gayle Stucke, I am pleased to announce that the date of the first meeting of the Directors Council on Aboriginal Education (DCAE) for the 2008-09 school year has been set for November 12, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at The Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto.

We are preparing a special agenda for this meeting that will focus on building awareness on Aboriginal education. The day will begin with a First Nation and Métis cultural opening followed by focused presentations and small group discussions on four key themes: awareness building, classroom and curriculum practice, Aboriginal student self-identification, and resources. You will have an opportunity to hear from several of your colleagues about innovative strategies and initiatives that they have implemented in their boards. This will be followed by focused discussions on how the information provided can assist you, specifically in terms of implementation in school board and school-level planning, as you continue your work in supporting your Aboriginal learners and all learners in Ontario.

As this event is an exclusive opportunity for Directors only, I encourage you to attend. Please RSVP to Dipika Mathur at Dipika.Mathur@ontario.ca, by October 3, 2008. A detailed agenda will follow in the coming weeks. Should you have any questions about this event, please call Dipika Mathur at 416-314-8945.

I look forward to seeing you all at this exciting event as we work together to create a better future for First Nation, Métis and Inuit children and youth.

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Dominic Giroux            Catherine McCullough            Gayle Stucke  

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c:  Alayne Bigwin, Director, Aboriginal Education Office  
Joan Fullerton, A/Director, Field Services Branch  
Regional Managers, Field Services Branch