MEMORANDUM TO: Principals of English-language Secondary Schools

FROM: Grant Clarke
   Director

DATE: September 2008

SUBJECT: Release of Provincial Curriculum Equivalency Comparison resource to support requirements of PLAR

The enclosed Provincial Curriculum Equivalency Comparison CD-ROM resource supports the assessment of equivalent credential requirements of Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PPM 129/132).

This credit equivalency package provides a comparison of the alignment between senior-level Ontario secondary school credit courses and senior-level secondary school credit courses from other Canadian jurisdictions. The information is intended to help guidance counsellors/department heads/program coordinators in adult and continuing education programs and regular secondary schools—under the direction of a principal—to make decisions about granting credit equivalency for these credits.

The course comparison charts provide curriculum information based on the knowledge and skills presented in each of the courses compared. Course comparison charts include:

- course name and course code;
- dates of implementation; number of hours of instruction;
- additional course information, e.g., prerequisites required, if any;
- course description, e.g., key concepts and skills;
- strands/major concepts; and,
- approach to assessment and evaluation.

To order additional copies of the *Provincial Curriculum Equivalency Comparison* resource, you can log in to the *ServiceOntarioPublications* website at [www.serviceontario.ca/publications](http://www.serviceontario.ca/publications) using your EDU user name and password. If you have forgotten or not received your username and password, send an email to webpubont-EDU@ontario.ca. For technical issues related to placing an order online, please contact the *Service Ontario Publications* call centre at 1-800-668-9938.

For further information about this resource, please contact Jonathan Brown, Education Officer, Student Success/Learning to 18 Strategic Policy Branch at (416) 325-4718 or by email at jonathan.brown@ontario.ca.

I am pleased to provide you with this resource to augment existing school board resources, and hope that the comparison charts assist you in assessing the equivalency of senior-level credentials from other Canadian jurisdictions.

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