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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Marilyn Dolmage
Chair of PAAC on SEAC

FROM: Barry Finlay
Director
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DATE: May 28, 2008

SUBJECT: Education for All (K-12) Consultation Session, June 13,
2008

The Ministry of Education is currently developing an *Education for All: K-12* resource document, designed to build on the recommendations found in *Education for All: The Report of the Expert Panel on Literacy and Numeracy Instruction for Students with Special Education Needs, Kindergarten to Grade 6*. The development of the resource guide is based on the following principles:

- builds on the foundational piece of Education for All K – 6 that is aimed at all students;
- presents a scope beyond literacy and numeracy in a K – 12 context;
- appeals to all educators with a strong focus on supporting classroom teachers at both the elementary and secondary levels;
- aligns with other key ministry initiatives (Literacy Numeracy Secretariat, Student Success/Learning to 18); and
- focuses on providing educators with effective tools to close the student achievement gap.

The Ministry has invited school boards, school authorities, provincial schools and education stakeholder groups to participate in consultation sessions on the development of the resource guide in May and June 2008.

The Ministry will be holding a consultation session on June 13, 2008 and would like to you to invite representatives to attend. The purpose of this consultation session is to provide an opportunity for input into the development of the resource guide by discussing:

- The changes in the education sector since the release of *Education for All K-6* in 2005

- The key components of *Education for All K-6* that can be extended to a K-12 document
- Changes and additions to *Education for All K-6*
- Precise strategies for students with special education needs.

The date and location for this session is:

Date: Friday, June 13, 2008
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (Registration 10:00 am)
Location: LDAO Office
365 Bloor St. E, Suite 1004
Toronto, ON
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Travel and accommodation will be reimbursed in accordance with Government of Ontario travel directives.

Please notify Diane Wagner (LDAO) by phone or email if you are able to attend. Diane can be reached at 416-929-4311 x22 or dianew@ldao.ca. Questions regarding the consultation should be addressed to Robert Spall at 416-314-8782 or bob.spall@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Original signed by

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