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Working Group on Elementary Curriculum Survey

To: District/Bargaining Unit Presidents
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For Action

In response to concerns related to the Elementary Curriculum—most recently, its overcrowded nature—the Ministry Curriculum Council created a Working Group in the spring of 2009. The findings of the Working Group will provide a foundation for the Curriculum Council as it develops recommendations to be forwarded to the Minister of Education. These recommendations will be used in the development of the elementary component of the new Ministry curriculum document outlining policies and programs for Ontario schools from K to 12.

In the current phase of the consultation process, the Working Group is providing opportunities for students, parents, parent groups, school boards, educators, stakeholders, and other interested members of the public across Ontario to respond electronically to a survey that poses the questions presented in a discussion paper titled Supporting Learning and Teaching in Ontario's Elementary Schools. Both the discussion paper and the survey are available on the ministry website at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/paperconsult/index.html>. In addition to the feedback received through the discussion paper, a series of consultation meetings and focus group sessions will be held across the province in October 2009.

The Provincial Executive encourages interested members, particularly those who work in elementary schools, to visit the website and complete the survey. Please bring this to the attention of your members.

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