



MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities

DATE: November 17, 2005

SUBJECT: *Safe Schools Act* Review Regional Consultations

As you are probably aware, our government has appointed a special Safe Schools Action Team to implement new measures to make schools safer. I am leading the provincial action team of safety experts to address the physical and social safety of schools. One of the key components of the Safe Schools Action Plan includes conducting a thorough review of the *Safe Schools Act* and its implementation. The Action Team is in the process of launching a series of regional consultations on the *Safe Schools Act*. I am inviting you to participate in the consultations that will inform the Action Team on how to implement this component of our Safe Schools Action Plan effectively.

A discussion paper has been prepared to better inform the consultation process. Participants who have reserved a space at the consultations will have an opportunity to answer questions from a discussion paper in a roundtable format. The discussion paper will be available on the internet at www.edu.gov.on.ca prior to the first consultation date.

Please circulate information about the consultations to your school communities. Please note this information has also been sent to Chairs of District School Boards and School Authorities. We welcome participation from all who have an interest in safe schools and in particular, would like to hear from:

- administrators in charge of safe schools
- administrators of special education
- elementary and secondary principals
- elementary and secondary teachers
- school board trustees
- secondary students
- parent representatives from school councils

All consultations are scheduled from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- November 21, 2005 – Ottawa (French and English)
Nepean Sportsplex
Hall A & B
1701 Woodroffe Ave
Nepean, Ontario

- November 23, 2005 – London (English only)
University of Western Ontario - Great Hall
Somerville House
1151 Richmond Street
London, Ontario
- November 29, 2005 – Toronto (West) (French and English)
Holiday Inn Airport
Ballroom
600 Dixon Road
Etobicoke, Ontario
- December 1, 2005 – Toronto (East) (English only)
Centennial College
Progress Campus
Scarborough Ballroom
940 Progress Avenue,
Scarborough, Ontario
- December 5, 2005 – Sudbury (French and English)
Laurentian University
Science 2 Cafeteria
935 Ramsay Lake Road
Sudbury, Ontario
- December 7, 2005 – Thunder Bay (English only)
Canadian Lakehead Exhibition (CLE)
Heritage Room
425 Northern Avenue
Thunder Bay, Ontario

Please note that we are asking participants to RSVP by telephone at 1-800-387-5514 or online at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/ssareview/register/>. Space is limited, so we encourage a response as soon as possible to reserve a place at the consultations.

Yours sincerely,



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