MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
               Principals and Vice-Principals
               Elementary Classroom Teachers

FROM: Avis E. Glaze
      Chief Student Achievement Officer
      The Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat

DATE: September 26, 2005

SUBJECT: Web Cast Series featuring:
          David Booth on October 5, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. EST

The Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat is undertaking a year long series of web casts in order to continue our dialogue with you. As part of this commitment to work together to achieve our shared goal to improve student achievement, a number of topics and speakers have been selected to support you in your work.

Many of you took part in our web cast last week featuring the Hon. Gerard Kennedy, Minister of Education and Dr. Ben Levin, Deputy Minister of Education. The web cast has been viewed on approximately 2,000 separate computers.

The second web cast of the current school year is on Wednesday October 5, 2005 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., featuring David Booth, literacy expert from O.I.S.E.. We are very pleased that David Booth has agreed to be a part of our web casts for the 2005-2006 school year. This is an excellent opportunity for educators to get an overview of literacy in the elementary classroom and ask questions of David via e-mail.

If you are unable to view the web cast live, as with past web casts, it can be viewed in video-on-demand format or video download on www.curriculum.org which is also the site to access the live feed.
We are excited about our subsequent web casts which will be of great use to teachers, administrators and our other partners in education. Please make a note of the following web cast dates:

**Wednesday, November 2, 2005**
Dr. Deborah Ball, from the University of Michigan will be our next presenter on Wednesday, November 2, 2005. She will be sharing teaching strategies for getting students and teachers excited about mathematics.

**Wednesday, December 7, 2005**
Elizabeth Coehlo is a Student Achievement Officer with The Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat and an expert in the field of English Language Learners. Jim Cummins is a professor at O.I.S.E., University of Toronto, and an expert in language learning. This web cast will provide an opportunity to share successful practices for improving instruction for English Language Learners.

**Wednesday, January 18, 2006**
**Thursday, February 23, 2006**
**Wednesday, March 29, 2006**
**Thursday, April 27, 2006**
**Wednesday, May 24, 2006**

We are not providing additional speakers and topics for the full year at this time so that:
- we can respond to emerging needs;
- we can be current and topical; and
- we can be open to your input and feedback.

If you have heard outstanding speakers or topics that you believe other teachers would benefit from hearing, please let us know. You can e-mail us at: LNS@edu.gov.on.ca.

We will notify you ahead of each web cast regarding the topic. In some cases, supporting materials will be posted on the host site www.curriculum.org ahead of the web cast itself.

We look forward to having you join us for our upcoming web casts. We encourage you to invite your colleagues to participate.

Sincerely,

Avis E. Glaze

cc: Regional Office Managers