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Ministry sponsors 2009/10 Collaborative Learning Communities

OEFTA members are invited to submit proposals for Collaborative Learning Community projects underwritten by funding from the Ministry of Education.

Applications must be received by Provincial Office no later **than Tuesday, October 20, 2009.**

A Collaborative Learning Community consists of a group of 2 - 4 OEFTA members (occasional, elementary or secondary) from any school, community of schools, unit or combination of units who work together on a self-directed professional learning project.

The group may meet face to face, online or by teleconference. Each group must select its own facilitator who will attend a one-day session on how to lead this project and team.

Proposal topics should be of interest to the members of the group, and could be an action research project, project to develop materials, lesson studies or joint implementation of new

classroom strategies. Topics may include subject areas and issues such as Combined grades, Kindergarten, Media Literacy, French as a Second Language, Bullying Prevention, Motivation to Learn or Equity and Inclusion.

OEFTA Provincial will allocate the Ministry funding to pay for up to five full days or 10 half days of release time for each participant in an approved Collaborative Learning Community.

When the project is completed, each Collaborative Learning Community will be required to provide a report about their results to OEFTA's Provincial Office and be prepared to share their materials or learning with others.

An application form can be found at www.oecta.on.ca/forteachers/pdcollaborativelearning.htm

Fax completed forms to Lyn Vause, 416-925-5251, by October 20, 2009.

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