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OECTA volunteers needed for elementary curriculum review

The Ministry of Education's Working Group on Elementary Education is looking for five elementary and two secondary OECTA members to participate in a focus group that will examine teachers' concerns that the elementary curriculum is overcrowded. The focus group event will take place at the Ministry of Education office in Toronto on Monday, October 26, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Applications must be received at Provincial Office by October 8, 2009. Travel and release time expenses for participants will be paid according to government guidelines. Lunch will be provided.

The following criteria will guide the choice of participants:

- Experience teaching in the Primary, Junior, and/or Intermediate divisions (Grades 7-8) and/or Kindergarten experience. (5 teachers from this group)
- Experience teaching at the secondary level. (2 teachers from this group)
- Representative of all regions of the province.
- Years of experience. The Working Group requests that teachers with less than 5 years experience be included in the short list.

Interested teachers should discuss participation in the focus group with their unit president, who can provide information about concerns regarding the curriculum that have been identified in recent years.

Complete the application form, located at www.oecta.on.ca/news/newsindex.htm and fax to Lyn Vause, OECTA Provincial, 416-925-5251 **no later than October 8.**

Successful applicants will be contacted the week of October 12, 2009.

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