

## **Health and Physical Education Curriculum Review**

### **Update: Fall 2008**

A strong team of writers from across the province completed draft revisions to the Health and Physical Education curriculum in July. The revisions completed were based on recommendations that had been arrived at as a result of in depth research, consultation and review of curricula across Canada and around the world. Consultation was broad-reaching, including a wide range of health and education stakeholders: teachers, administrators, consultants, parents, students, government stakeholders, special interest groups, universities and faculties of education. The recommendations underlined the strength of the current curriculum and gave concrete suggestions for being forward thinking, strengthening the curriculum further in order to address the needs of the student from now until the year 2021. The writing team was diverse bringing a wide range of skills and backgrounds so that the curriculum was reviewed and revised considering a variety of lenses including special education, English Language Learners, Safe and Healthy Schools, government initiatives, aboriginal perspective, environmental education and anti-discrimination. The writing team worked closely with a French writing team, ensuring alignment of the English and French expectations.

This fall, tasks ahead include completing and refining the curriculum revisions, preparing them to be brought to the field for feedback consultation. Educators and all stakeholders will have an opportunity to look at the draft expectations and provide additional feedback in response to the revisions. Education Officers will visit each region of the province to meet with contacts from each school board to share information about major changes and provide access for school board contacts to view the draft curriculum and complete a survey to provide a collective board response for feedback. Faculties of Education and all stakeholders who participated in the initial curriculum consultation will be invited to join the feedback consultation session in their region to receive information about providing feedback.

Feedback consultation sessions are scheduled for November in Thunder Bay, Barrie, Sudbury, Toronto, Ottawa and London regions. Information about dates and locations of these sessions will be communicated to Directors of Education and other stakeholders in early October.