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From: Michael Salvatori, OCT, Registrar and Chief Executive Officer

Subject: **New three-part Specialist Kindergarten Additional Qualification (AQ)**

I am writing to inform you about the details of a new three-part Specialist Kindergarten Additional Qualification. We know that many College members are eager to take this new three-part Kindergarten AQ as they participate in the early learning initiative. You will find below some important information about this AQ.

This new Kindergarten AQ is one of many changes and additions to the Teachers' Qualification Regulation and the Accreditation Regulation that affect providers of accredited teacher education programs and College members. The revised regulation took effect May 20, 2010 and new provisions are being phased in over time. The College anticipates the development process for the new three-session Schedule D guideline to begin at the end of November 2010. A first draft of the guidelines will be sent to providers in early January and they will be posted on the website in March following committee review. Final guidelines will be available

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in the spring. The College looks forward to receiving your valuable input in this process.

The new kindergarten qualification moves from one-session Schedule C to three-session Schedule D, effective March 31, 2011. (Reference: Teachers' Qualifications Regulation, s. 26). The current one-session Schedule C qualification in Kindergarten will be revoked on September 30, 2011.

Holders of the Schedule C qualification can directly enter Part 2 of the new three-part Kindergarten additional qualification. Given the importance placed on early learning education in Ontario, candidates will ideally possess teaching experience and/or primary basic qualifications. A candidate for Part 1 of the new Schedule D Kindergarten will require a basic or additional basic qualification in the primary division.

Candidates who complete Kindergarten Schedule C prior to September 30, 2011 will be deemed to hold Part 1 of the new Schedule D. They may directly enter into Part 2.

Candidates entering the new Schedule D Kindergarten Part 1 must hold a primary division qualification.

You can find the new regulation online at www.oct.ca → About the College → Education Legislation → Teachers' Qualifications Regulation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Charlie Morrison, Manager of Policy and Research at 416-961-8800, ext. 628, or toll-free in Ontario at 1-888-534-2222, ext. 628.

I look forward to continuing to work with you as we introduce these changes.



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