



Educating Youth to be Leaders for Social Change

September 1, 2009

Dear Educator:

**Harmony Movement Supports
Ontario's Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy**

I am pleased to share with you some of the educational initiatives being offered by an organization that I have been proudly associated with for many years.

Harmony Movement was founded in 1994 with a mission to address equity issues and promote inclusion by educating and empowering youth. We offer a full range of diversity education programs and initiatives to schools and communities across the GTA as well as parts of southern Ontario. These initiatives are described in the enclosed media kit. We encourage you to take advantage of what we have to offer.

Last year we facilitated more than 70 diversity leadership programs, assemblies and workshops in Ontario schools. Our established initiatives are directly aligned with the recently proposed provincial *Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy*. The attached sheet also highlights our additional equity initiatives for 2009-2010. They include: Harmony Award; student scholarships; educator award; and student leadership retreat.

Finally, I would like to share with you an exciting event. On Thursday, October 29, Harmony Movement will pay tribute to the 2009 Harmony Award recipients Sol Guy and Josh Thome, co-founders of 4REAL, at our annual fundraising banquet. Based in Vancouver, 4REAL is at the forefront of a youth movement that inspires young people to help change some of the most critical issues of our time. The curriculum they have developed has been adopted by the Vancouver School Board.

On October 30, Cheuk Kwan, Executive Director for Harmony Movement, and I, will be facilitating a one-day *Roundtable for Educators*, to share strategies across school boards as well as community organizations in regard to supporting Ontario's *Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy*. I invite you and your colleagues to join us, along with Sol Guy and Josh Thome, as well as Angela Brown, Antiracism and Diversity Consultant for the Vancouver School Board, at the roundtable.

I am particularly excited about the upcoming Harmony Award Banquet and I cordially invite you, your colleagues and students to attend. A special \$75 ticket is being offered to schools, community and not-for-profit groups in order to encourage teachers, community workers and students to participate. The banquet sponsorship brochure, ticket order information as well as last year's program book is enclosed.

Please let us know if you require any of the above materials, both in electronic or hardcopy form, to forward to your family of schools, or to any other contact.

Sincerely,

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Former Superintendent of Education, Toronto District School Board

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