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To All Users of the Manual of School Law:

RE: Release No. 37 – *Manual of School Law*

Please find enclosed a revised edition of the Manual of School Law for the school year 2008/2009. This printed version of the Manual includes the *School Act*, related regulations, and minister's orders. Revised versions of the Indices, *Teaching Profession Act*, *Independent School Act*, related regulations and minister's orders are available through the online Manual of School Law at: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/legislation/schoollaw/>

Attached is a summary of amendments to the legislation, regulations and minister's orders that have come into force since October 1, 2007. The enclosed release is consolidated to November 4, 2008.

Please note that the Manual's distribution has been reduced to one copy to each district rather than a copy to each school in the province.

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Considering the environmental benefit of reducing the circulation of the printed Manual and the frequency that the Manual is updated, it is recommended that users consult the online manual at the URL noted above. The online Manual is generally current within a few days after a change is made to any legislation, regulation, or order, while the printed Manual is only updated once per year.

Please note that underlining in the *School Act* denotes sections that are not in force at the time of printing.

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Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure

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