



MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Monday, June 18, 2007

RESOURCE CREATED FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS AWARDED \$2,000 GRANT

(Toronto) - Curriculum Services Canada (CSC) is excited to announce that Jennifer Gunion of Oakville, Ontario's White Oaks Secondary School is the recipient of a grant from The Curriculum Foundation. Her original curriculum resource proposal, *Visual Media Resource for Exceptional Secondary Students*, aims to address students' special needs by focusing on their strengths. This resource will consist of a video featuring fundamentals for preparing students for a co-op work-term placement.

This resource will "...provide learning/educational opportunities for the school and community member(s) that do not normally interact with the special needs population," says Gunion.

This resource proposal aims to include exceptional students in the production of an instructional video that can in turn help their peers who have special needs. Students will learn life skills such as developing a resume, learning to fill out a job application, understanding employees' rights, and demonstrating positive work habits. As they learn these key life skills, they will also be contributing to the education of others.

Teachers will be able to download *Visual Media Resource for Exceptional Secondary Students* for free by March 2008, when it will have been developed through the aid of this grant from The Curriculum Foundation. More than 25 free, high-quality resources are available on our Teacher-Developed Resources page on our website, www.curriculum.org. To date, more than 66,000 teachers have downloaded our high-quality resources.

Each year, The Curriculum Foundation awards grants to Canadian educators for their unique and critically needed curriculum resource proposals.

The Curriculum Foundation is the charitable arm of Curriculum Services Canada, the Pan-Canadian standards agency for the accreditation of educational products and programs. TCF is a registered charity that accepts donations which are used to provide teachers with the funding necessary to develop critically needed learning resources that enrich learning for students.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Cristina Katipunan
Manager, Marketing & Public Relations
416-591-1576 ext. 237
ckatipunan@curriculum.org