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Dear Director of Education: Reading and Remembrance 2006

The 2005 provincial project *Reading and Remembrance* involved 30,000 students in 110 schools across Ontario. Lieutenant Governor James Bartleman participated in Kincardine and Mayors Parish and Ryan of Ajax and Pickering participated in local schools in Durham Region where the project originated with the Durham West Arts Centre. The project was mentioned in parliament and closed the National News on November 11, 2005. Veterans Affairs Canada which supported the project was so happy with the results that DWAC received a plaque.

With your help, we would like to double the participation rate for *Reading and Remembrance 2006: Anti-Racism*. We decided on this theme before the current crisis in the mideast and the timing could not be better as young people return to schools with questions about what they have seen in the media. The poster for the project explains the link: "Let schools ring out with young voices reading to remember why wars are fought. To have a society free of tyranny, prejudice, racism and genocide requires sacrifice; it did in the past and continues to in the present." The posters and registration forms are available for download from [www.dwac.ca](http://www.dwac.ca)

Starting September 2006 we will post materials appropriate for reading and related activities on the website. The focus remains on veterans but expands to look at values and freedoms worthy of defence. Each school that registers (on-line, by phone, e-mail or regular mail) receives a specially created free 11" x17" colour poster and is placed on the Honour Roll. Last year's 110 Honour Roll schools receive their certificate in the mail in September along with a personal invitation to participate in 2006.

As you prepare for the 2006-2007 school year, we hope that you will let *Reading and Remembrance 2006* pass through the information gate of your Board and that you will act as its advocate. With your help, schools will ring out with young voices on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:10 P.M. (Please note you're not excluded if you cannot make that time fit your school's schedule.) Help make this event happen for students, teachers, veterans and families.

Yours truly,

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on behalf of the *Reading and Remembrance 2006* project

N.B. DWAC is a charitable arts organization