



## Curriculum & Instructional Services

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# ***MEMORANDUM***

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To: Secondary & Learning Centre Principals  
Cc: Gloria Morton, *Manager, Learning Resources*

From: Yrsa Jensen, *Director of Instruction*

**RE: *An Inconvenient Truth - DVD***

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You may have read in various newspapers that the DVD, *An Inconvenient Truth*, will be distributed to all secondary schools in the province.

It is Surrey School District policy that all student learning resources be evaluated against criteria outlined by the Ministry and approved for classroom use before being used in schools. *An Inconvenient Truth* is presently undergoing this process. In addition, all videos and DVDs must have Canadian Public Performance Rights before being shown in a school setting. The DVD that will be distributed by the district will be legal to show in a classroom setting whereas videos purchased from stores like Costco or rented from your neighbourhood video store are not.

We have had several inquiries about *An Inconvenient Truth* and other resources both opposing and confirming the theme of global warming. We are working toward acquiring and reviewing all of these resources. We thank you for your patience and respectfully ask that you remind your teachers that these resources have not yet been approved and therefore should not be used.

Thank you for your assistance.