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To: All Heads of Council, Members of Council, CAOs and Department Heads

Subject: Local Government Week and You

Preparations for Local Government Week, October 19-25, 2008, are underway.

Local Government Week is an opportunity for students to learn about our municipal leaders, the services that municipalities provide to our communities, and the wide range of careers available in local government.

It is also a chance for you to meet local youth, and hear what's important to them in the community.

You can be a part of this innovative educational program which extends learning from the classroom to the real world.

Here are a few suggested activities:
- Appoint a student to be “Mayor-For-A-Day.”
- Invite classes to tour City Hall and its offices.
- Invite students to observe Council in session.
- Visit schools to talk about municipal service or the role of an elected official.

To participate in Local Government Week, visit the website at amcto.com where you can:
- Register your municipality as a participant, and share your thoughts and ideas about Local Government Week.
- Find presentations you can give to schools, templates for media announcements, and teachers’ guides with learning modules.
- Read how your colleagues from other municipalities are planning to make the week an exciting, fun-filled learning experience.

Please join us in celebrating Local Government Week.

Thank you.

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OCTOBER 19 TO 25, 2008

INTRODUCING ONTARIO’S STUDENTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Build awareness
Connect students with their community
Interest students in community leadership

YOU can make Local Government Week come alive!

Get involved! Learn how municipalities and schools can participate and get Teacher and Municipal resources, including posters, lists of activities and Local Government Guides for elementary and secondary school levels at:

www.amcto.com

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