

OAME Report to Field's, November 23, 2002

- We have received a substantial amount of funding from Union Gas to sponsor projects for the next two years:

1. Union Gas will sponsor the Ontario Junior Math Olympics to be held in June 2003 in London Ontario

2. They are providing funding for the creation of an OAME vision of mathematics in the form of a vision statement and a professionally created video that will depict children learning mathematics in an active and stimulating environment from grades K to 12. We are currently finishing the vision statement and writing the story board for the video which we will show in some form at the OAME Annual conference, May 8-10, Durham College.

3. To accompany the video we are creating classroom ready activities that are linked to assessment for all the grades. Some of these will be the focus of workshops at the OAME Annual. We will be following this up with a strong in-service component aimed at all panels and also at administrators.

This will be funded over the next two years.

4. As part of their funding they are providing for 3 new awards that will recognize teaching excellence in mathematics at the elementary and secondary levels and for outstanding leadership in Mathematics Education. The criteria for these awards will be sent to superintendents of boards for their nominations and so they will be different from OAME's current awards. The funding is allowing us to proceed with projects that will assist teachers across the province with the implementation of new curriculum and help to improve numeracy.