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I have enclosed a cheque for \$25 payable to PDK/UT for the Oct. 1st Wine and Cheese. (You will receive a confirmation upon receipt of payment.)

I will be attending the Oct. 2nd presentation at Central Commerce Collegiate

I am interested in receiving information on sessions 2 & 3

NOTE: A certificate will be issued to those who attend all three Research Series sessions.

For more information please contact **Stephanie Fetterolf** at (416) 394-7730 or stephanie.fetterolf@tdsb.on.ca

This event is being co-sponsored by the Toronto District School Board.

Professor Yong Zhao is a University Distinguished Professor at Michigan State.

- He is the founding director of the US-China Centre for Research on Educational Excellence.
- His research interests include diffusion and evolution of technology in educational contexts, second language acquisition, and globalization and education.

Other Current Projects:

- Co-Director US/China Elanguage Project
- Kids Learning in Computer Klubhouses (KLICK) - *fun & engaging after school environment through technology (in 20 schools)*
- Technology Enhanced Learning Web (w C. S. Englert) - web-based literacy learning environment
- In partnership with China's National Office for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language and a major Beijing university he heads the Confucius Institute at Michigan State University.

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to the opening session of the
2007-2008 Research Series

Global Education: "Looking Out to Join In"

The challenge from the wider world on public education and how Ontario schools can meet the challenges of the future by preparing students for work and citizenship in a global society.

PDK's Mission Statement is to promote high-quality education, in particular publicly supported education, as essential to the development and maintenance of a democratic way of life. This mission is accomplished through leadership, research, and service in education.

Dr. Zhao, a Distinguished Professor at Michigan State and head of their Confucius Institute, will be giving informal remarks at a wine-and-cheese on Oct. 1st and a major address on Oct. 2nd to start PDK's Research Series for 2007-08 year. He will deal with many of the issues addressed in the comments he has made below.

"It is hard to say what teaching and learning will exactly look like 50 years from now, but I am pretty sure these fields will be much more global and virtual, both in term of content and methods. We will see, or least I hope we will see, more teaching and learning about globalization, its complexities and implications, how we can better live and productively work in the "global village" with otherwise distant neighbours who may not look, think, or act like us. We will also see more teaching and learning delivered globally with students taking courses from teachers teaching for foreign education institutions, either physically or online. At the same time, online teaching and learning will continue to grow and eventually become a major part of education. Most importantly, we will see a significant increase in teaching and learning about how to live and work online."

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1st

4:30-6:30 Wine and cheese
with remarks by Dr. Zhao

Valhalla Inn
1 Valhalla Inn Road
Mississauga
(The East Mall and HWY. 427)

cost is \$25.00 and attendance
is limited to 60 participants

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2nd

4:30 - 6:00 Presentation by Dr. Zhao

Central Commerce Collegiate
570 Shaw Street
Toronto
(east of Ossington, south of Harbord)

While there is no charge, registration is
required by September 21, 2007

There will be two further sessions on aspects of globalization and its impact on education.

Session #2: At the end of November Dr. Brian O'Sullivan, Stan Hallman-Chong and John Myers will look at curricular implications.

Session #3: Early in the new year Dr. Mark Evans will speak on global citizenship.



"Seldom do education reformers mention what until now has been the secret of U.S economic advantage – the risk-taking, creative and can-do spirit of its people. The real crises they should tackle? One is the lack of a global-minded internationally oriented curriculum that prepares our children to engage actively in global affairs and competently interact with other peoples. Another is how children – especially those who are poor or otherwise disadvantaged – are being shut out of the globalization discourse in the name of increasing their test scores in math, science and reading."

- Dr. Yong Zhao