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WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTE IN FAVOUR OF NINE SINGLE TRUSTEE WARD SYSTEM

November 5, 2013

After consultation with parents, residents, and stakeholders in the Division, the Board of Trustees voted in favour of a nine ward boundary system with one trustee representative per ward. This conversation has been considered and requested by members of our school communities for many years.

This alteration would result in smaller wards and provide better parent/resident connections with trustees. The new ward boundaries create a more even distribution of population within each ward and will address the inequities that exist in the Division's current ward system. The changes to the trustee and wards boundaries reflect the requirements outlined under Section 57 of the Manitoba Public Schools Act, regarding the trustee representation quotient.

Pursuant to the Public School Act, Section 57(1), the Board of Trustees must pass a by-law establishing the new ward boundaries and the number of elected trustees. It is anticipated that First Reading will occur at a Regular Board meeting on November 18th, 2013. Every by-law must receive three separate readings unless these requirements are waived and agreed to unanimously by the Board of Trustees.

Any changes must be submitted to the City of Winnipeg by the end of March 2014 to be in place for the next Civic election.

For information on the Ward Boundaries Review, go to www.WinnipegSD.ca.

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