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Winnipeg School Division adapts student registration process due to COVID-19

April 17, 2020 (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg School Division (WSD) has announced its plans for adapting its student registration process in response to the COVID-19 related suspension of inschool classes and public access to school buildings.

"We have added a student registration tab on every WSD school website to allow for online registration," says Celia Caetano-Gomes, Superintendent of Education Services for Winnipeg School Division. "Families can simply complete the registration application and scan or mail it, including copies of required documentation." Caetano-Gomes says acceptance of registrations will be conditional with based on student residence within WSD boundaries and the requirement of a hardcopy and parent or guardian signature when classes resume in the fall. Non-resident students are required to continue following the schools of choice guidelines and School Admission policy, as acceptance is based on numerous factors including program and grade request, space availability and class size.

"Families without access to technology are asked to call their child's school and the application forms will be mailed to their home for completion," said Caetano-Gomes. Families who require additional supports to complete the application, such as interpreter assistance, can schedule an appointment through their school.

For students making course options in high school, online registration is also available or will soon be available. Requests for assistance in course selection should also be made by scheduling an appointment through their school.

WSD was established in 1871 and currently has 79 schools, almost 33,000 students and 5,000 full-time employees. Its purpose is to provide a learning environment that fosters the growth of each student's potential and provide equitable opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills and values necessary for meaningful participation in a global and diverse society.

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