



NEWS RELEASE

WSD extends registration for Spanish, Cree and Ojibwe language programs

Feb. 2, 2016 (Winnipeg, MB) – The Winnipeg School Division (WSD) has extended the registration period to establish three new language programs in September. The new deadline is February 16 to allow a final opportunity to parents interested in registering their Kindergarten age child in the Spanish, Cree or Ojibwe bilingual language programs.

“To establish a new bilingual language program we require a minimum of 20 students who live within the division, for each Kindergarten class,” said Fatima Mota, Superintendent of Education Services, Equity and Diversity, Inclusive Education. “The low enrolment for Spanish is putting the program at risk.”

Mota notes that media reports suggesting the Cree and Ojibwe programs have exceeded the minimum are incorrect. Registration is getting close to the required 20 students, but at least five more students are required for both languages. Spanish enrolment is only half way to the 20 student minimum.

“We want to get the word out to parents who have supported the concept of adding these bilingual language programs to register now, before the extended deadline of February 16,” said Mota. “The schools need time to hire teachers and get classrooms ready for students.”

Parents must register in person at the school:

- Earl Grey School
(Spanish Program)
340 Cockburn Street N.
- Isaac Brock School
(Cree and Ojibwe Programs)
1265 Barratt Avenue

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