



## NEWS RELEASE

### Winnipeg School Division new structure directs more support to schools

**June 9, 2015 (Winnipeg, MB)** – Winnipeg School Division (WSD) today announced details of a new leadership structure for the division that will increase direct support to schools. The restructuring comes as a result of a Board of Trustees' budget decision earlier this year to eliminate one superintendent position and remove geographical districts.

"The new leadership structure of Winnipeg School Division responds to ratepayer feedback indicating a top priority for our community is to reduce administration costs and be more efficient," said WSD Board Chair Mark Wasyliw. "I congratulate Chief Superintendent Clarke and her staff for achieving the objective set out by the Board of Trustees and addressing the need to increase support to students, parents and staff in schools."

Building on WSD's culture of collaboration, the new leadership structure will enhance opportunities throughout the division for added innovation in school program initiatives.

"We have many things to be proud of in WSD such as the division's support in the areas of special needs, Aboriginal education, development of numeracy skills and technical vocational programs," said Chief Superintendent Pauline Clarke. "The new structure will allow for even more open lines of communication and idea sharing across the division that will benefit all of our students and staff."

The day-to-day running of schools will continue as established, said Clarke, noting that the new structure of smaller, localized groups of schools is based on typical student progression from Nursery to Grade 12.

"There will be five Directors and two Superintendents directly responsible for schools, and one Superintendent will cover the cross-division needs related to planning and system services," said Clarke.

The new leadership structure will be implemented over the summer before the new school year. School administrators have begun contacting parents in their communities to convey the changes at the senior administration level.

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