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Arts in the Heart of the City showcases students' learning through art

April 29, 2015 — Students from 17 inner city schools will take the stage as part of the second annual *Arts in the Heart of the City* on April 30, performing a variety of art forms including dancing, singing, pow wow demonstrations and hand drumming. The festival will showcase over 450 Inner City District students and their learning through the creative arts.

“The arts is a powerful vehicle for learning,” said Jennifer Cox, an Inner City District Consultant with the Winnipeg School Division. “Arts education increases literacy and numeracy skills; promotes overall academic achievement; increases engagement; and encourages risk-taking and self-expression.”

The Winnipeg School Division encourages learning through the arts with programs like *Engaging Fusion*, which connects professional artists in Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Arts with teachers and students in inner city schools; the *Inner City Student Art Conference*, which brings together hundreds of artistic Grades 4-6 students to collaborate in creating astounding works of visual art; and the *Creative Connections Conference*, which challenges teachers across all subject areas and grade levels to see creativity as valuable and transformative in student success.

“We believe that art enhances our students' ability to communicate. It awakens a passion and allows them to use their imagination. The arts influence student achievement in a powerful way because it transforms the curriculum and engages learners,” said Karin Seiler, Superintendent – Inner City District.

The Winnipeg School Division invites media to attend this event.

When: Thursday, April 30, 2015 – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: Calvary Temple, 440 Hargrave Street, Winnipeg

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