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To: Principals of Schools (Grades 3 and 4)

Dear Colleagues:

Re: Policy Revision—Grade 3 Assessment in Reading, *Lecture*, and Numeracy and Grade 4 Assessment in French Immersion *Lecture* (2009/2010)

The Grades 3 and 4 Assessment Policy document has been revised with changes to key competencies for Reading and Numeracy. The changes take effect in the 2009/10 school year. Schools will continue to report the results of the assessment to parents/guardians and to Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth in the fall of every year.

The revised policy and parent reports are enclosed and are available on the Department's website at

- English: www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/assess/gr3/index.html
- French: www.edu.gov.mb.ca/m12/eval/eva_oblig_3-4_lec.html

Supporting the Implementation of the Grades 3 and 4 Assessment

The following are intended to support schools in implementing the Grades 3 and 4 Assessment:

- **Teacher Support Documents:** Documents are being developed to provide teachers with rationales for each competency as well as assessment strategies and criteria to help determine each student's levels of performance. Copies will be sent to schools in September 2009 and will also be available on the Department's website.
- **Professional Development Sessions:** In September and October 2009, the Department will offer regional professional development sessions for the Grades 3 and 4 Assessment. To find and register for sessions, visit the following websites:
 - For the English Program, go to Workshop Registration System (WRS) at <https://www4.edu.gov.mb.ca/workshops/>.
 - For the French Immersion and Français Programs, go to *Coup d'œil sur l'année* at www2.edu.gov.mb.ca/manetfr/m-s4/coup/.

Collection of Assessment Results (CAR)

In November 2009, schools will report their student-by-student achievement results to the Department using 'CAR', a web-based application in use for the Middle Years Assessment. Information about how to access this web application will be sent separately in the fall. The web application will be pre-populated with names of students based on the previous year's enrolments.

In addition to facilitating reporting of student achievement to the Department, this web-based application will allow schools to create data files and generate school summary reports of student achievement, as well as reports for parents.

If you have questions about the Grades 3 and 4 Assessment or about the content of this letter, please visit the Department's website or contact:

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We appreciate your ongoing cooperation in providing students, parents, and policy-makers with achievement information in support of student learning.

Yours sincerely,

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- Divisional Assessment Consultants
- Divisional English Language Arts Consultants
- Divisional French Language Arts Consultants
- Divisional Mathematics Consultants
- Manitoba School Boards Association
- Manitoba Teachers' Society
- Manitoba Association of School Superintendents