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May 2011

To: Superintendents of School Divisions
Directors of First Nations Education Authorities

Dear Colleagues:

Re: Reading Apprenticeship – Grade 7 to 10 Science, Mathematics, and Language Arts Pilot Project

Manitoba Education recently announced funding to schools for a 3-year pilot of Reading Apprenticeship© in order to focus on supporting reading instruction in middle years and senior years schools. As a result of this initiative, three to four pilot school divisions (and two pilot schools within each division) will be provided with leadership training and training in reading instruction across content areas for adolescents along with resources for implementation.

The pilot process will consist of four main components:

1. Leadership Training – Representatives from school divisions, schools, and Manitoba Education will receive leadership training in Reading Apprenticeship. Implementation in schools will be supported by these leaders.
2. Teacher Training – School teams including administrators, Reading Apprenticeship Leaders, and teachers will receive training in Reading Apprenticeship.
3. Divisional Supports – School divisions and schools will receive funding to use for ongoing coaching, training, and resources.
4. Research – Data will be collected and analyzed over the three years to measure the effectiveness of Reading Apprenticeship.

Manitoba Education is extending an invitation to school divisions to nominate two partner schools in the division and a divisional administration representative to participate in this pilot. Manitoba Education will be focusing on Grades 7 to 10 science, mathematics, and Language Arts for the pilot. Appendix A (attached) contains details as to responsibilities of participants and school division and schools' three-year commitment.

The three-year pilot of Reading Apprenticeship is set to begin in August 2011 with an initial meeting scheduled for June 27, 2011.

The attached form asks you to identify the two partner schools you propose be involved, as well as a divisional representative, preferably from division administration. **The deadline to return your submission is May 30, 2011.**

The following information pertinent to the Department's selection criteria will be considered: representation in terms of Aboriginal perspectives, multicultural perspectives, gender, region, school compositions and structures, school team composition and roles, and diverse student learning need, where applicable.

The divisional representative will receive a letter by June 6, 2011 with the result of the selection process. A copy will be sent to superintendents.

If you have any questions, please contact Shelley Warkentin, Consultant, Language Arts K-12, at shelley.warkentin@gov.mb.ca, 204-945-6836 or toll-free at 1-800-282-8069, ext. 6836.

We ask that each superintendent provide a coordinated response using the attached form. A copy of this letter has been sent to schools for information purposes only.

Thank you for your consideration and ongoing cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachments (Superintendents only)

- c. Chairs of School Boards
- Principals of Schools
- Manitoba School Boards Association
- Manitoba Teachers' Society
- Manitoba Association of School Superintendents
- Manitoba Association of Parent Councils
- Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools
- Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre

Reading Apprenticeship Pilot Nomination Form

Please return completed form by **Tuesday, May 30, 2011** to:

Fax: 204-948-3668;

or

Reading Apprenticeship Pilot
Development Unit, ICAB
1567 Dublin Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3E 3J5

On behalf of _____
Name of School Division

School	Grade level(s) to be involved*	Program (English/French Immersion/ Français)	Subject Areas to be involved**

*The Reading Apprenticeship pilot will focus on Grades 7 – 10.

**The Reading Apprenticeship pilot will focus on science, mathematics, and Language Arts.

Divisional Administrative Representative		
Name (please print)	Position	Email

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How might your school division plan and coordinate ongoing professional dialogue, professional learning, and supports within the division and schools in order to support effective implementation of Reading Apprenticeship?

Describe your division's current literacy plan. How do you see Reading Apprenticeship enhancing or responding to this current plan?

Comments (optional):

Name of Superintendent
or designate
(Please print)

Signature

Date

Please fax (204-948-3668) or mail this completed form by **Tuesday, May 30, 2011**. Thank you!