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To: Superintendents of Education  
Chairs of School Boards  
Secretary Treasurers  
Student Services Administrators

Dear Colleagues:

**RE: *Guidelines for the Intensive Newcomer Support (INS) Grant (2006-2007)***

The purpose of this letter is to provide information about the eligibility criteria and application process for the recently announced Intensive Newcomer Support (INS) funding for 2006-2007. This is meant to be the beginning of a long-term initiative.

INS funding is intended to stimulate innovative, specialized programming that addresses the English as an additional language (EAL), literacy, and academic needs of newcomer students in Grades 6 to Senior 4 with refugee/war-affected backgrounds and disrupted schooling. The funding will support coordinated divisional or interdivisional initiatives that are undertaken in partnership with parents, service providers, and the broader community.

School divisions will be eligible for up to \$32,500 per year. For information on eligibility criteria and an outline of proposal requirements, please see *Guidelines for the Intensive Newcomer Support (INS) Grant (2006-2007)*, attached. The Guidelines also are available on the Department's website at <[www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/cur/diversity/eal/](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/cur/diversity/eal/)>.

Please send a copy of your proposal for funding by **May 15, 2006** to:

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Applicants will be notified of funding decisions by **May 31, 2006**. If you require assistance in preparing a proposal, please contact Tony Tavares at the address above.

Requirements related to reporting on the use and the impacts of grants are under review as part of a broader discussion on accountability and information sharing. Information on reporting will be communicated once the review is concluded.

A limited number of additional copies of *Guidelines for the Intensive Newcomer Support (INS) Grant (2006–2007)* are available until April 21, 2006, from:

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Please send any extra copies of this document to your school division office for redistribution to schools that require additional copies. Alternatively, please contact Irene Klotz regarding any extra copies and she will arrange for their return to Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth.

I hope that you find *Guidelines for the Intensive Newcomer Support (INS) Grant (2006–2007)* a useful resource. I welcome your comments and invite you to complete the attached feedback form. Please fax it to my attention at (204) 945-5060.

Yours sincerely,

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Acting Director  
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#### Attachment

- c. Manitoba Association of Parent Councils
- Manitoba Association of School Business Officials
- Manitoba Association of School Superintendents
- Manitoba Association of School Trustees
- Manitoba Teachers' Society
- Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre