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**To: Superintendents of Education
Principals of Schools (Kindergarten to Grade 8)
Principals of Funded Independent Schools
First Nations Directors of Education**

Dear Colleagues:

Re: Policy and Implementation Schedule for *Literacy with Information and Communication Technology Across the Curriculum* (Literacy with ICT)

The purpose of this letter is to announce the policy and implementation schedule for *Literacy with Information and Communication Technology Across the Curriculum* (Literacy with ICT). *Literacy with ICT* for Manitoba students means choosing and using ICT, responsibly and ethically, to support critical and creative thinking about information and about communication as citizens of the global community.

Literacy with ICT is the result of the collaborative work of over two hundred early and middle years teachers, school leaders, educational and ICT consultants, and partner organizations during the action research conducted over the 2005-2006 school year with Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth.

Through the work of its action research team, each division has already created a draft implementation plan based on the draft version of this policy and on its schedule for implementation. The collaboration and professional commitment of the action research educators and education partners have been invaluable to the process, and our appreciation is expressed to those who have worked diligently with us over the past year.

The finalized policy is attached and states that implementation of *Literacy with ICT Across the Curriculum* is mandatory for Manitoba school divisions and funded independent schools, for students in Grades K-8, beginning in 2006-2007 with full implementation by the end of 2008-2009.

Schools are expected to report to parents of K-8 students within their existing reporting structure. Reporting on the progress of each student's literacy with ICT along a developmental continuum is to be based on the framework outlined in the policy.

Schools/divisions will begin reporting in 2006–2007 by piloting their own reporting process locally. In 2007–2008, each school/division will begin using its piloted process and, by 2008–2009, the process will be fully implemented.

	Implementation	Reporting to Parents
2006-2007	Selected K-8 classrooms	Pilot reporting model in selected classrooms
2007-2008	Selected K-8 classrooms	Begin reporting in selected classrooms
2008-2009	All K-8 classrooms	Reporting for all K-8 students

For further information about *Literacy with ICT*, contact your school division implementation team or contact Cheryl Prokopanko at 945-6435, toll-free 800-282-8069, ext. 6435, cprokopank@gov.mb.ca or visit <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/tech/lict/index.html>.

Your ongoing collaboration is appreciated as we continue to work towards the successful implementation of this policy that is designed to assist all students to develop their literacy with information and communication technology as citizens of the global community.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachment: *Policy for Implementing Literacy with ICT Across the Curriculum*

- c Principals of Band-Operated Schools
- The Manitoba Association of School Trustees
- The Manitoba Association of School Superintendents
- The Manitoba Teachers' Society
- Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre
- Susan Eberhard, Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools
- Shelley Hasinoff, Coordinator, Independent Education