

March 2007

To: Superintendents of School Divisions

Dear Colleagues:

**Re: New Funding for Professional Development related to *Literacy with ICT***

Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth is pleased to provide additional details about the new component of Professional Development Support that has been introduced to support the implementation of Literacy with Information and Communication Technology (LICT) Across the Curriculum. This new funding will be in place for three years beginning with the 2007-2008 school year. Each school division will be allocated professional development funding for LICT on the basis of \$10.00 per K-8 student, with a minimum allocation of \$15,000.00.

The funding is intended to assist divisions in providing professional learning opportunities that will help K-8 educators to incorporate technology into the curriculum and subsequently report student outcomes to parents. As you are aware, the recently released policy, *Literacy with Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Across the Curriculum (September 2006)*, requires schools to report to parents of K-8 students on three competencies of student literacy with ICT, no later than 2008-2009. Please see the MECY website for a copy of the policy: <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/tech/lict/index.html>

The new funding acknowledges the increased need for time for teachers to plan together with their colleagues and to develop effective strategies for advancing student literacy with ICT in a curricular context. Research and experience have demonstrated that local teacher mentors are one of the most effective ways to provide the customized and ongoing support required to initiate and develop student literacy with ICT in each classroom.

During the 2005-2006 school year, the department involved teams from each Manitoba school division in action research on Literacy with ICT Across the Curriculum. These divisional teams are now supporting the three-year implementation of LICT within their school divisions. These teams also have built the capacity to provide mentoring to their colleagues, and this new funding will allow divisions to release both mentors and classroom teachers to plan together to advance student literacy with ICT.

Staff from the department's LICT project team will continue to work closely with divisional LICT implementation teams throughout the three year period during which this new funding will be available, in order to assist divisions to develop LICT mentorship programs. For further information, please contact:

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I wish you success in your plans to implement *Literacy with ICT Across the Curriculum* in your school division.

Sincerely,

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