



Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning

Minister of Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism

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To: Early Learning and Child Care Centre Directors  
Early Learning and Child Care Home-Based Providers  
Superintendents of School Divisions  
Directors of First Nations Education Authorities  
Manitoba School for the Deaf  
Principals of Funded Independent Schools  
Student Services Administrators

Dear Colleagues:

In honour of the invaluable contributions that Black people and people of African descent have made to Manitoba, we are delighted to proclaim Black History Month in February 2026.

The proclamation highlights the important role of school communities and child care facilities in enabling all children and youth to reach their full potential and live *Mino-Pimatisiwin* (The Good Life), in which they have hope, belonging, meaning and purpose. For more information, tools, and resources to celebrate Black History Month, visit the federal government's website at [www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html).

We hope that Black History Month inspires educators, students, young children, parents/caregivers, and community members to engage in meaningful discussions about Black history, culture and contributions to Manitoba.

Sincerely,

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- c. Board Chairs, School Divisions  
Principals of Public Schools  
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