



Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning

Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8 CANADA

To: Superintendents of School Divisions
Directors of First Nations Education Authorities
Principals of Funded Independent Schools
Student Services Administrators
Manitoba School for the Deaf

Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to proclaim February 2 to 8, 2025, International Development Week in Manitoba, encouraging reflection on the various forms of equity and inequity in our own schools and communities, and around the world.

This proclamation highlights the dedicated work of organizations, including the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation and other community leaders to address social, political, and environmental inequalities from the local to global scale. It also aims to inspire Canadians, especially young Canadians, to start investigating the origins of these inequities, the initiatives underway to alleviate their effects, and how they can contribute to those efforts. *Sustainable Foundations: A Guide for Teaching the Sustainable Development Goals* and many other resources can be found at www.mcic.ca.

Observing International Development Week in Manitoba provides students, educators, parents/caregivers, and communities with the opportunity to learn more about the Sustainable Development Goals identified in the United Nations Agenda 2030, and to inspire each other to Go for the Goals, this year's International Development Week theme.

We would like to thank Manitoba Council for International Cooperation for taking steps to build a more equitable and just world.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Honourable Tracy Schmidt
Acting Minister

Attachment

- c. Board Chairs, School Divisions
Principals of Public Schools
Independent and International Education Unit