



Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning

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To: 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:

I am pleased to proclaim February 1 to 7, 2026, International Development Week in Manitoba, encouraging reflection on the various forms of equity and inequity in our schools, communities and around the world.

This proclamation recognizes the dedicated work of civil society organizations, including the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation, in addressing social, political and environmental inequalities both locally and globally. It aims to inspire Manitobans, especially young Manitobans, to investigate the roots of these inequities, the initiatives underway to alleviate their effects and how they can contribute to these efforts.

The observation of International Development Week is an opportunity for students, educators, parents/caregivers and communities to explore the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and this year's International Development Week theme, "Prosperity through Partnership". To access educational resources, including *Sustainable Foundations: A Guide for Teaching the Sustainable Development Goals*, visit www.mcic.ca.

I would like to thank the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation for its commitment to building a more equitable, compassionate and sustainable world.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Honourable Tracy Schmidt

Attachment

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