



## Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning

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

Dear Colleagues:

In recognition of the important contributions of musicians, music educators, and music education programs in our schools and communities, I am pleased to proclaim May 2026 as Music Month in Manitoba.

Music plays a central role in the lives of Manitobans from early childhood to adulthood, and enriches education on a personal, social, and creative level; it supports the creation of a positive and vibrant culture integral to human experiences in Manitoba. As a vehicle for expressing ideas, feelings, traditions, and meaning, music has the power to illuminate, deepen, broaden, and enhance connection to self, as well as openness to others and the world, elevating one's sense of hope, belonging, meaning, and purpose in support of the journey towards *Mino-Pimatisiwin* or The Good Life.

While music is an important part of the Manitoba school curriculum throughout the year, its role in education is highlighted during Music Month and gives us an opportunity to celebrate our province's rich musical heritage and appreciate the artists and educators involved in music programs. The attached proclamation acknowledges and celebrates the gift of music and the educators who share this gift with their students.

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning values the time, commitment, and creativity that educators bring to music learning, making, and creating. We trust that the observance of Music Month 2026 will continue to support and promote music education and inspire the growth of all students.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by*

Honourable Tracy Schmidt

### Attachment

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