



Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning

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

Dear Colleagues:

In recognition of the deep significance of Treaties and the enduring relationships they establish between First Nations and the Crown, we are honoured to acknowledge **Treaty Week in Manitoba, taking place May 18-22**.

Treaty Week invites all of us to learn about the creation, intent, and ongoing spirit of the Treaties that shape our province. **Within the provincial boundaries of Manitoba lie Treaties 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10**, each reflecting shared commitments based on respect, reciprocity, and mutual responsibility. These Treaties are living agreements that continue to guide our relationships and responsibilities today.

As we continue on a path of truth and reconciliation, school communities and childcare settings play an important role in helping children and youth develop understanding, respect, and awareness of the Treaties and the histories and contributions of First Nations across Manitoba.

Educators seeking additional information, classroom materials, and learning supports are encouraged to visit the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba (TRCM) at www.trcm.ca, where a wide range of Treaty education resources are available.

We hope that Treaty Week inspires meaningful conversations and learning experiences that honour the past, engage with the present, and contribute to a future built on understanding, respect, and partnership with First Nations across Manitoba as we recognize that we are all Treaty people.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Attachment

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