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TO: Superintendents of School Divisions

Dear Colleagues:

SUBJECT: French Language Education Review - French Courses (English Program)

As of the 2014-2015 school year, the French Language Education Review will be introduced to replace Categorical Grant Reporting for French courses (English Program). As a follow up to the letter dated March 2014, a new outcomes report in the form of a questionnaire for French courses has been developed and is ready to be piloted this fall with all school divisions.

The primary purpose of the Review is to provide clear expectations with respect to school divisions' role and responsibilities in their reporting accountability for French courses and to bring about collaboration and dialogue between school divisions and the Department. A questionnaire (23 questions) has been developed to establish a standardized process by which school divisions report on the delivery of French courses. No additional financial report will be required with this renewed process.

The data collected will be used to develop comprehensive provincial and federal reports on the state of French Second Language Education in Manitoba.

Please find enclosed the Administrator's Guide that explains the process and provides statistical information and grant allocation as well as a copy of the questionnaire. The questionnaire is an online survey, which will be sent to Superintendents of school divisions as a web link via email and is to be submitted to the department no later than Friday, January 23, 2015. A divisional meeting will follow to discuss the report beginning in the 2015-2016 school year.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Drzystek, Liaison Officer – French as a Second Language, at 204-945-6939 or toll free at 1-800-282-8069, extension 6939 or by email at sandra.drzystek@gov.mb.ca.

We thank you for your collaboration in this renewed process.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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