



## NEWS RELEASE

### Winnipeg School Division moves ahead with three new bilingual language programs

**March 8, 2016 (Winnipeg, MB)** – The Winnipeg School Division (WSD) Board of Trustees has approved plans for three new bilingual language programs – Spanish, Cree and Ojibwe.

“We’re very pleased to be offering these bilingual language programs in our division,” said Winnipeg School Division Chair Mark Wasyliv. “I commend the community members who have worked so hard to get these heritage languages in place.” The Board required a strong show of interest through confirmed student registrations in order to move ahead with new bilingual language programs.

“Student registrations to date support the establishment of Spanish, Cree and Ojibwe bilingual language programs,” said Wasyliv. “The Board is confident registration for these programs will continue to expand.”

All of the new bilingual language programs start at Kindergarten with each year adding the next grade. Isaac Brock School is hosting the Cree and Ojibwe bilingual language programs while Earl Grey School hosts the Spanish bilingual language program. Next steps include attaining Manitoba Education approval of the curriculum and hiring bilingual language teachers.

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