



News Release

Winnipeg School Division Lord Nelson School named a 2019 Recipient of the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation Literacy Fund Grant

June 10, 2019 (Winnipeg, MB) – Lord Nelson School in Winnipeg School Division is pleased to announce that they are the recipient of a \$65,000 Indigo Love of Reading Foundation Literacy Fund grant. Lord Nelson School is one of 30 schools to receive a 2019 grant, part of the Foundation's annual \$1.5 million commitment to high-needs elementary schools across Canada.

Lord Nelson School is dedicated to supporting its students' learning and development. Books are a valued but expensive commodity for schools, and Lord Nelson School will be able to transform and maintain a healthy school library and support students with vital learning resources as a result of this grant. The school plans to bring in new, relevant and engaging books for its 420 students.

"We're excited to be selected as one of the recipients for this year's Literacy Fund grants. Now we'll be able to revitalize our classroom and school libraries by adding new literature and resources to further our students' education, as well as create a Maker Space as an environment for students to explore, create and collaborate, which encourages a Growth Mindset" said Sandy Stevenson, Principal of Lord Nelson School. "We look forward to offering our students the opportunity to explore new titles that will ignite a lifelong passion for reading!"

The Indigo Love of Reading Foundation's Literacy Fund Grants help to close the gap in library funding, providing students and teachers with the much-needed resources to foster a love of reading and improve literacy among Canadian children. For over 15 years, the Foundation has transformed the lives of children across Canada by providing them with access to books, committing \$31 million to more than 3,000 schools, benefiting more than 1 million Canadian children.

Schools interested in applying for the 2020 Indigo Love of Reading Foundation Literacy Fund Grant can download an application at www.loveofreading.org beginning November 2019.

About the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation

Indigo Books & Music Inc. founded the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation in 2004 to address the underfunding of public elementary school libraries. To date, the Foundation has committed over \$31 million to more than 3,000 high-needs schools, impacting over one million children. The Foundation runs two signature programs each year. In May 2019, the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation Literacy Fund grants committed \$1.5 million to 30 high-needs elementary schools that lack the resources to build and maintain healthy school libraries. Additionally, each fall, the Foundation's annual grassroots Adopt a School program unites the Foundation with Indigo, its employees, its customers and their communities to raise funds to support high-needs elementary schools across Canada and put even more books into the hands of children. In October 2018, the Indigo Adopt a School program contributed over \$1.1 million to more than 600 schools across Canada, impacting more than 200,000 children. To learn more about the Foundation, visit www.loveofreading.org

About Winnipeg School Division

WSD was established in 1871 and currently has 78 schools, 33,000 students and 6,000 employees. Its purpose is to provide a learning environment that fosters the growth of each student's potential and provide equitable opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills and values necessary for meaningful participation in a global and diverse society.

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