

MEDIA INVITE

Winnipeg School Division 100th Annual Speed Skating Event

March 4, 2019 (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg media are invited to join Winnipeg School Division (WSD) students, staff and Manitoba Speed Skating Association (MSSA) volunteers for the 100th year of speed skating races. The event is being held at Bell MTS Place on Thursday, March 7 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

More than 450 Grade 4 to 6 students will race in four-member squads against other school teams. Racers range from hockey and figure skaters to absolute beginners. WSD partners with MSSA to stage the annual races. MSSA provides starters and referees for the event, while athletes with the provincial speed skating program help organize teams on the ice.

Students from 24 WSD schools will attend the event, an inclusive and exciting day of activity and camaraderie.

Please note: The majority of students have signed media release forms, however, for those who do NOT, a brightly coloured piece of tape will be attached to their helmets and jersey. Please help keep our students safe by respecting this privacy request.

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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