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Winnipeg School Division expands full day kindergarten pilot

May 12, 2015 (Winnipeg, MB) – Starting this September, five more schools in the Winnipeg School Division (WSD) will be piloting a full day kindergarten program. The schools were selected to give access to all wards in WSD and include Harrow, Fort Rouge, Earl Grey, Mulvey and Shaughnessy Park Schools, bringing the pilot total to nine schools.

“We’re committed to giving children throughout the division their best opportunity to learn, starting in the early years where, studies have shown, students might otherwise fall behind and never catch up with students in other jurisdictions,” said WSD Board Chair Mark Wasyliw. “WSD began the pilot with four schools in 2014, including John M. King, Norquay, Strathcona and Wellington and this expansion will ensure benefits are realized in all parts of our division.”

Schools in the growing pilot project are selected based on socio-demographic data. The schools with the highest need for full day kindergarten are those with single parent homes, require support in English as an additional language, and have an average income below the low-income cut off.

The WSD Board of Trustees approved the allocation of \$475,000 for the continuation and expansion of the full-day kindergarten pilot program in the regular budget funding for the 2015/16 school year.

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