



MEDIA INVITE

Winnipeg School Division Celebration Pow Wow 2019

June 4, 2019 (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg media are invited to join Winnipeg School Division (WSD) students, staff and community at Tec Voc High School field on **Wednesday, June 5** for the 2019 WSD Celebration Pow Wow.

Festivities are open to the community and begin with the Grand Entry at 11:00 a.m., followed by drumming, dancing, and entertainment. At 2:45 p.m., an Honour Song will begin for Winnipeg School Division Graduates and Build From Within Students. A traditional feast will also begin at 3:30 p.m. and Closing Ceremonies will be held at 4:30 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies at the 2019 WSD Pow Wow is Ray “Coco” Stevenson, a well-known traditional singer and drummer who lives in Winnipeg. Host Drum is the Walking Wolf Singers who perform traditional Indigenous dances, sharing with audiences the stories and meanings behind them. Traditional dancers, shared with their meaning, include hoop dancers, jingle dancers and friendship dancers.

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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