



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Winnipeg School Division students to hold "Celebrating Diversity" walk at Forks

May 10, 2016 (Winnipeg, MB) – Over 2,000 Winnipeg School Division (WSD) students are walking a circle around the Canadian Museum of Human Rights on **Friday, May 20.** School groups have created spectacular silk art banners depicting the students' voice on human rights and equity. Banner carriers will lead each school as they make the walk from The Forks Festival Stage north along the walking path, circling the museum and returning back to the starting point. (Please click here to view the "Making of the Celebrating Diversity Banners" video).

The event marks the finale of another successful year of incorporating Everybody has the Right programming into WSD's everyday curriculum and learning.

"Our year started with a fantastic student summit with Mayor Brian Bowman and his challenge to all students to celebrate the rich cultures of our people," said Rob Riel, Director, Aboriginal Education and Newcomer Services, WSD. "Students all across WSD really took that challenge to heart and came up with very thoughtful ideas and actions to help work toward ending racism in our city."

Students met again with Mayor Bowman in January for a 'check-in' where they shared their ideas and sense of responsibility to prevent racism from developing.

Parents and media are invited to join WSD students at the day long Celebrating Diversity event and walk.

Where: Festival Stage, The Forks

When: 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (walk scheduled to start at 10:45 a.m.)

Who: WSD students and teachers

Kevin Lamoureux, University of Winnipeg

Fatima Mota, Superintendent of Education Services, WSD

Entertainment: Lord Roberts Steel Drummers

Sisler Dance

Hugh John McDonald Bridges Kelvin High School Choir Sisler Chamber Choir Brock Corvdon Choir

DMCI Dance

Shaughnessy Choir

Elementary Honour Choir

Victoria Albert Choir Lord Selkirk Dance French Divisional Choir Kelvin High School Dance

Gordon Bell Dance Montrose School Choir

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