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MEDIA INVITE

Manitoba Destination Imagination Provincial Tournament

March 8, 2020 (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg media are invited to attend the Manitoba Destination Imagination Provincial Tournament on Wednesday, March 11 starting at 4:30 p.m. The tournament is being held at École River Heights School, 1680 Grosvenor Avenue.

Destination Imagination (DI) is an organization offering opportunities to inspire a global community of learners to apply 21st century skills and creativity. The DI program is a fun, hands-on system of learning that strengthens students' creativity, courage and curiosity through open-ended academic Challenges in the fields of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), fine arts and service learning. Students learn patience, flexibility, resilience, ethics, respect for others and their ideas, and the collaborative problem solving process.

A key focus of the Destination Imagination Program is the Team Challenge component. Each year in August, Destination Imagination issues a new challenge in each of the areas of the STEAM areas. Teams of up to seven students solve a challenge and work together over a number of months to create their best solution. At tournament time, the teams' eight-minute (maximum) solutions are appraised. In doing these challenges, students learn to collaborate together, not only solving the set challenge, but also problems that arise along the way. Students learn to communicate with one another and others in a productive, effective manner. They develop technical skills, learn to look at challenges from many perspectives and learn how to think creatively and critically about the obstacles they encounter and potential solutions.

An expected 40 plus teams from across the province and ranging from elementary to high school levels will be there to compete. At the tournament the teams present their team solution and also take part in an Instant Challenge, during which the team finds out their task on the spot and has only a few minutes to use their creativity to meet the challenge.

For teams that place first in their level and category at the Provincial Tournament they have the opportunity to consider competing on the world stage at Destination Imagination Global Finals taking place in May in Kansas City, Missouri, alongside teams from around the world.

Destination Imagination, Inc. is a volunteer-led educational nonprofit whose mission is to inspire the next generation of innovators, leaders and creative thinkers. Annually, it provides seven fun and engaging open-ended Challenges in science, technology, engineering, visual and performing arts, improvisation, service learning and early learning. Each Challenge is designed to teach students the creative process – a powerful tool that is at the root of all innovation.

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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