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Winnipeg School Division Board reduces management by 15 percent

June 22, 2020 (Winnipeg, MB) – The Winnipeg School Division (WSD) Board of Trustees has reduced its overall management by 15 percent, in accordance with a January 30, 2020 directive by the Province of Manitoba.

“As a division with one of the lowest overall administrative costs in the province, Winnipeg School Division continues to meet its strategic priorities for fiscal management while meeting the diverse needs of students in our division,” says Chris Broughton, Chair, Board of Trustees, Winnipeg School Division. “Reducing management staff to achieve the Province’s objective presents us with many challenges, but our focus and priority is to provide excellent education and opportunities for the young people who rely on our schools and educators to help them create their own futures.”

WSD previously reduced its management force in 2015, and will now operate with a Chief Superintendent/CEO, two Superintendents of Education and five Directors of Education to oversee the division’s 79 schools and nearly 33,000 students. An additional management position in WSD’s Buildings Department has also been removed.

Funds from the reduction in staff will be reallocated to student programs, including enhancing WSD’s current work placement safety and health programming. This program helps to ensure students are prepared to enter the workforce safely and successfully. Enhancement will include staff and student training, strengthening relationships with employers, complete initial assessments of worksites and ensuring continued safety and health standards for all work placement programs.

WSD was established in 1871 and will celebrate 150 years of education in 2021. It currently has 79 schools, almost 33,000 students and more than 4,500 full-time 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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