

NEWS RELEASE

Winnipeg School Division Chief Superintendent and CEO announces retirement

March 8, 2023 (Winnipeg, MB) – Chief Superintendent and CEO of Winnipeg School Division (WSD), Pauline Clarke, has announced her retirement.

“The Board of Trustees extends its warmest best wishes to Ms. Clarke as she takes this next step in her life,” said Betty Edel, Chair of the WSD Board of Trustees. “I have had the privilege of working with Ms. Clarke for the past five years and have valued her thoughtful advice and extensive experience in all aspects of education and learning.”

Throughout her career, Ms. Clarke has focused on creating equitable opportunity for all students. She has served on many community boards and committees reflecting her commitment to meeting the needs of students and families. These include the Premier’s Advisory Council on Education and Poverty, the United Way Campaign Cabinet, the Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Council, the President’s Advisory Council of the University of Manitoba Advisory Committee on Indigenous Achievement, Winnipeg’s Promise Steering Committee, the Community Liaison Committee for the Canadian Science Centre for Human and Animal Health, and the C21 Canada CEO Academy: Canadians for 21st Century Learning and Innovation.

Ms. Clarke was instrumental in establishing many innovative programs in the Winnipeg School Division including Children of the Earth High School and Niji Mahkwa School and partnership with the Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative. She developed other key partnerships including the Pan Am Concussion Program, Sport Manitoba and the Sport Medicine and Science council to develop a comprehensive concussion protocol and Manitoba Aerospace to develop new career education programs for WSD students.

In 2005 Ms. Clarke was recognized by the YWCA as Winnipeg’s Woman of Distinction for her service to Education, Training and Development and, in 2012, was awarded the Order of Manitoba in recognition of her work in education.

Ms. Clarke will remain in her role for the remainder of the school year and the Board of Trustees will immediately begin the search for a new Chief Superintendent/CEO to be in place by the beginning of the next school year.

WSD was established in 1871 and currently has 79 schools, almost 30,000 students and over 4,000 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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