



**MINISTER
OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Room 168
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TO: Superintendents of School Divisions
Directors of First Nations Education Authorities
Student Services Administrators
Principals of First Nations Schools
Principals of Funded Independent Schools

Dear Colleagues:

Each and every day individuals, families, schools and communities work hard to reduce bullying in Manitoba. I am very pleased to recognize this commitment and excellent work by declaring the week of November 18-24, 2018 "Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week". Thank you for your ongoing efforts to make our schools safe, caring and inclusive places of learning for our children and youth.

Please find attached a proclamation for distribution as you see fit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kelvin Goertzen".

Kelvin Goertzen

Attachment



PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

PROCLAMATION

BULLYING AWARENESS and PREVENTION WEEK

- WHEREAS Manitoba Education and Training is committed to safe and caring schools where all students have a sense of belonging and receive the quality education they need to have a strong start in life; and
- WHEREAS Manitoba Education and Training is committed to fostering inclusion for all people. An inclusive school is a respectful and safe place for all members of the school community; and,
- WHEREAS Bullying occurs in many environments, including schools, the community, at home, in the workplace, and online. It is unacceptable conduct that causes harm to individuals, families, and the community as a whole; and,
- WHEREAS Manitoba Education and Training recognizes the complex nature and impact of bullying behaviours. As citizens of Manitoba, we share a responsibility to prevent bullying, and to promote healthy and safe environments for children, youth, and adults; and,
- WHEREAS Manitoba Education and Training, schools, families and community members must work together to prevent bullying through education and awareness. By working together, we will strengthen our capacity to create safer school communities where all students are respected, valued, safe, and can reach their full potential.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN THAT I, Kelvin Goertzen, Minister of Education and Training, for the Province of Manitoba, do hereby proclaim that the week of November 18-24, 2018 is designated as

BULLYING AWARENESS and PREVENTION WEEK
in Manitoba and I commend its observance to all citizens of the province.

Kelvin Goertzen
Minister
Education and Training