

## St. James-Assiniboia School Division

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Dear St. James-Assiniboia School Division Families:

## **Re: Indigenous Identity Declaration**

The Province of Manitoba requests that school divisions give First Nations, Metis, and Inuit students an opportunity to declare their cultural identity. The Indigenous Identity Declaration (I.I.D.) collects information about the ancestral/cultural background of Indigenous students. Accurate data is essential in improving the programming in St. James–Assiniboia School Division, and helps us in supporting student success.

The form includes an opportunity for parents to indicate if they are declaring their child for the first time, whether they want to alter or edit a child's previously declared identity, or whether they are simply confirming that a previous declaration has been made.

Declaring your Indigenous Identity is always voluntary, and it can be completed at any point during your child's educational journey.

If you are interested in declaring your child's Indigenous identity, please complete the registration form and return it to your school's office as soon as possible. If you can't remember if you have declared in the past, please feel free to do it again to ensure your family is included.

For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/iid/aid/q\_a.pdf">http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/iid/aid/q\_a.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/iid/aid/brochure.pdf">http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/iid/aid/brochure.pdf</a>

Thank you in advance for your support!

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