

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees  
FROM: E. Dossall, Superintendent of Schools  
SUBJECT: One Child – Our Future (The Millennium Song)

RESOURCE

STAFF: Linda Love-Walsh

INFORMATION

One Child - Our Future (The Millennium Song) project began as an idea at an area 13 principal meeting in the spring of 1999. Ideas for district millennium projects were being discussed and Principal Linda Love-Walsh stated that she would come up with a millennium song. Her colleagues took her at her word!

The inspiration for the song lyrics came from a concern that so much of the discussion about the new millennium centered on technology. The effects of the Y2K bug on the world stock markets, multinational corporations and other economic concerns. There did not seem to be any focus on the human aspects. More specifically on how children would be affected by world events. Those very children that would someday be responsible for making decisions in the new millennium.

The message in the song is simply that one child can make a difference. We must teach and nurture all children because we never know which child may become the next world leader.

The Eastwood Singers, a young group of children from Eastwood School range in age from 4 to 15. Many of these children have already experienced the hardships of life and this project and this song will give them something positive to reflect on for many years to come.

As the new Millennium fast approaches this song emphasizes the need for us to say Y2K - YES TO KIDS!

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