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TO: Board of Trustees

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SUBJECT: Ukrainian Language Arts

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INFORMATION

Edmonton Public Schools has played a lead role in the development of a new provincial Ukrainian Language Arts (K-12) Program of Studies. This document, developed through a joint agreement between Edmonton Public Schools, Edmonton Catholic Schools and Alberta Learning, with the participation of Elk Island Catholic Schools, University of Alberta and the Ukrainian Language Education Centre, is designed to support Ukrainian Bilingual Programs throughout Alberta. It was developed based on the Western Canadian Protocol for Collaboration in Basic Education: Common Curriculum Framework for Bilingual Programming in International Languages (Kindergarten to Grade 12), of which Edmonton Public Schools was the lead writer in 1998/1999.

The Draft Ukrainian Language Arts (K-12) Program of Studies has been distributed for feedback by Alberta Learning throughout Alberta, as well as to teachers in Manitoba. Manitoba Education and Saskatchewan Education are currently considering adopting this as a provincial Program of Studies for use in those provinces. Revisions and the final document, that will be available in both Ukrainian and English, are anticipated to be completed by August 2000.

Three teachers from Ukrainian bilingual programs at Edmonton Public Schools (Luba Eshenko, Myroslawa Fodchuk, Anne Tyrkalo), as well as a consultant (Janice Aubry), were lead participants in this multi-jurisdictional project. Edmonton Public Schools also acted as the project manager.

The partners in this project are proud to have had the opportunity to develop this outstanding curriculum document, which can only serve to enhance Ukrainian Language programming for the foreseeable future.

Copies of the course are available for viewing in the trustee reading room.

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