

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

June 20, 2000

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Dossall, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Curriculum Additions and Deletions – American Sign Language and Deaf Culture

ORIGINATOR: A. McBeath, Department Head

RESOURCE  
STAFF: Janice Aubry, Stuart Wachowicz, Jan Witwicky

RECOMMENDATION

That the **ASL (American Sign Language) and Deaf Culture Curriculum, 3 Year Program (15/25/35)** be approved as a locally developed course for use in Edmonton Public Schools.

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In response to requests from district schools and the community, Curriculum, Programs and Planning initiated the development of this ASL (American Sign Language) and Deaf Culture Curriculum as a second language course. The curriculum was developed collaboratively by staff from the Alberta School for the Deaf (Sue Bailey, Kathy Dolby, Charmaine Letourneau, Sandra Reid), Ross Sheppard School (David Youngs), Consulting Services (Janice Aubry, Jan Witwicky) and Curriculum, Programs and Planning (Stuart Wachowicz).

This curriculum was developed based on the Western Canadian Protocol for Collaboration in Basic Education: Common Curriculum Framework for International Languages, of which Edmonton Public Schools was a provincial writer in 1999. It will be piloted in high schools in 2000 - 2001.

A copy of the course is available for viewing in the Trustees' Reading Room.

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