

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Establishment of Music Standards

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RESOURCE

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INFORMATION

The curriculum unit, as a result of issues around the delivery of the music curriculum in the district, will work with music consultants and teachers to establish standards for music performance across the district.

The project would result in standards that would serve to guide teachers, particularly teachers new to the teaching of music, with direction as to what desired curriculum outcomes should sound like.

Enhancing the music program at the elementary level will, in addition to performance standards, involve increased access to professional development, mentoring and coaching.

District music teachers at the junior and senior level have indicated a desire to assist with the development of a model for enhancing music education at the secondary level. The model will include, along with performance standards based on the music curriculum, a strategy to facilitate the transfer of organizational expertise and knowledge in music education.

The outcome of the project will enhance the quality and consistency of music education in the district. It is projected that the performance standard will be completed by May 2003 and will be ready for inservicing and implementation in September 2003.

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