

## EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Dossdall, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Spanish Language Arts Curriculum Development

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### INFORMATION

As a result of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Governments of Alberta and Spain, a joint project to create a Spanish Language Arts (K-12) curriculum has been undertaken. The partners in the project, which is to provide Spanish curriculum to support the International Spanish Academies, are Edmonton Public Schools (Project Manager), Calgary Board of Education, Alberta Learning and the University of Calgary.

The curriculum, when completed, will become a provincial curriculum, the development of which has been undertaken as a contract from Alberta Learning. A committee of the partners has been established and has already conducted a very productive week of meetings in Calgary during the week of November 13<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>. A second week of work will be conducted in Edmonton during the week of December 11<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>. It is anticipated that the draft of the curriculum will be completed by January 1, 2001.

The draft document will be vetted by teachers and other stakeholders with a final draft being available by April 1, 2001. The curriculum will then be piloted in the International Spanish Academies during the 2001-2002 school year.

The members of the development committee are as follows:

#### Edmonton Public Schools:

Juan Carandell: Language Consultant, Visiting teacher from Spain  
Delia McCrae, Strathcona High School  
Leona Bridges, Westminster Junior High School  
Aline Debourcier, Victoria Elem/Jr/Sr High School  
Janice Aubry: Language Consultant and Lead Writer  
Jan Witwicky, Project Coordinator

#### Calgary Board of Education:

Helen Coburn, Bowness High School  
Edith Fester, Lester B. Pearson High School  
Ray Suarez, Terry Fox Junior High School  
Linda Vargas, Southwood Elementary School  
Jacqueline Crarer, Calgary Board of Education

University of Calgary:

Dr. Luis Torres, Department of French, Italian and Spanish

Alberta Learning:

Maria Saladich: Language Consultant, Alberta Learning  
(on loan from Department of Education and Culture, Spain)

The district is most appreciative of the work being done by the committee members, and the excellent working relationship of the various partners in the project.

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