

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Dosedall, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Curriculum Addition - Integrated Communications Technology (ICT) Foundation 7

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RESOURCE

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RECOMMENDATION

That the locally developed course Integrated Communications Technology (ICT) Foundation 7 for use in Edmonton Public Schools be approved.

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Background: Alberta Learning has mandated that beginning September 2001, schools in Alberta begin a three year phased implementation of the new Integrated Communications Technology (ICT) curriculum. Implementation of ICT has proved to be a challenge with many teachers who are not yet knowledgeable enough to properly deliver the outcomes of the ICT in their classrooms.

To assist with the implementation of the ICT curriculum, and to help schools ensure that all students acquire the competencies it requires, district teachers and central office staff have worked to create the ICT Foundations course. It will serve to allow teachers, knowledgeable in the subject, to give all students in the district an equitable background in the use and application of technology, and ensure that the outcomes of the ICT are achieved.

The intent of the course is to specifically teach ICT knowledge and skills and thus prepare students to be able to integrate technology into their learning, in subsequent grade levels and throughout their lives.

A copy of the locally developed course is available in the Trustees' Reading Room.

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