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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Dossdall, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Government of Spain Scholarship Winners

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INFORMATION

Maria Saladich, Spanish language consultant with Alberta Learning and the Education Office of the Embassy of Spain, advised that Delia McCrae, a district Spanish teacher at Strathcona Composite High School, is the recipient of a prestigious Government of Spain scholarship. She has been awarded a full scholarship to study a Master in Spanish Language and Culture (1st part) in the Spanish University of Salamanca in the summer of 2001. As well, Leona Bridges, a junior high Spanish Teacher at Westminster School, received a partial scholarship for the second consecutive year.

Only one teacher in Alberta has been awarded the full Scholarship. The Scholarship covers the tuition fee of four weeks (130 hours), the lodging and meals for the month and it is valued at \$1,900 USA. Delia McCrae was selected for this scholarship on the basis of her qualifications, experience and teaching assignment. In addition to her classroom teaching, Delia McCrae has been involved in the curriculum development for Spanish Language and Culture (Grade 7-Grade 12) and Spanish Bilingual (K-12) Programs of Studies.

This is the third year this full scholarship is awarded in Alberta because of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Alberta Learning and the Ministry of Education and Culture of Spain. There is also one full scholarship offered to a teacher from Quebec and one from Ontario. Spain also offers partial scholarships. All Spanish teachers in Canada and the USA who belong to Departments of Education with which Spain has an agreement are eligible to apply for these partial scholarships.

Both, the full scholarship and the half scholarship enables the teachers to study in Spain in a University of their choice. For the summer 2001, they could choose among 16 prestigious universities in Spain that offer 28 different courses about Spanish Language, Methodology, Culture and/or Literature. These courses also include a lot of interesting cultural activities like visits to museums, cinema, theatre and excursions.

The board of trustees would like to thank the Government of Spain for its sponsorship of the full and partial scholarships. Ms. Saladich, Ms. McCrae and Ms. Bridges are in attendance at tonight's meeting and will be presented with a certificate of recognition from the board of trustees. As well, Ms. Saladich will officially present the scholarship documents to Ms. McCrae and Ms. Bridges.

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