

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

May 22, 2001

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Dossdall, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Arabic Language and Culture Three and Six Year Programs of Studies

ORIGINATOR: M. de Man, Department Head Designate

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RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Arabic Language and Culture Three Year Program of Studies as a locally-developed course for use in Edmonton Public Schools be approved.
2. That the Arabic Language and Culture Six Year Program of Studies as a locally-developed course for use in Edmonton Public Schools be approved.

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Background: In April 1999 the board of trustees approved for use in Edmonton Public Schools the Arabic Language and Culture Twelve Year Program of Studies. In a continuing effort to meet the needs of students, the Arabic Language and Culture Three and Six Year Programs of Studies have now been developed. The documents are based on the Western Canadian Protocol for Collaboration in Basic Education for Bilingual Programming in International Languages (Kindergarten – Grade 12) of which Edmonton Public Schools was a lead writer in 1998-1999.

The documents were developed collaboratively by Hala Cheikh-Mohamed, Teacher, Scott Robertson School, Valérie Leclair, Consultant, Consulting Services, Issam Saleh, Teacher, Killarney School, and Stuart Wachowicz, Director, Curriculum, Programs, Planning.

Copies of the locally developed courses are available in the Trustees' Reading Room.

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