

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

May 22, 2001

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Dossdall, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Curriculum Addition - Islamic Studies 7

ORIGINATOR: M. de Man, Department Head Designate

RESOURCE

STAFF Hala Cheikh, Rajia Haymour, Sandra Mattar, Waleed Najmeddine, Issam Saleh, Stuart Wachowicz,

RECOMMENDATION

That Islamic Studies 7 be approved as locally-developed course for use in Edmonton Public Schools.

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Background:

The course, Islamic Studies 7, is a result of requests from teachers and the community of the Arabic Bilingual and international language and culture programs in the district. At this time there is no course available through which students can effectively study Islamic history, cultural and religious development. The course is needed to complement the aforementioned language programs, helping students to achieve more effectively the cultural outcomes. The course will also provide an opportunity to extend instruction in the Arabic language in the bilingual program. This will give students more opportunities to apply the language.

The course will be open to all students coming from an Islamic background, and with informed permission of parent(s) or guardian(s), the course may be accessed by non-Islamic students.

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

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