

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

May 22, 2007

TO: Board of Trustees  
FROM: E. Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools  
SUBJECT: Punjabi Language and Culture 15, 25, 35  
ORIGINATOR: D. Barrett, Executive Director

RESOURCE

STAFF: Harnaik Dhaliwal, Sema Dhillon, Harjeet Grewal, Nirlep Rai, Livleen Singh, Stuart Wachowicz, Marie Wood

RECOMMENDATION

That the locally developed course, Punjabi Language and Culture 15, 25, 35 for use in the district be approved.

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**Background:** The district currently provides Punjabi language courses with entry points at kindergarten and grade 1 as well as grade 4. Until now there has not been a grade 10 entry point.

Responding to demand, Curriculum has funded a committee of teachers, community members and curriculum staff to develop a three year Punjabi program. The Program of Studies is based on the Western and Northern Canadian Protocol Framework, guiding language curricula for western and northern Canada.

The district is grateful for the work of the committee members led by Sema Dhillon and the strong support of the Punjabi community. Pending approval, the course will be offered at J. Percy Page High School in 2007/08.

The Program of Studies will remain in draft form and will be subject to revision, with input from students and teachers as implementation proceeds. A final draft will be brought to Board when revisions are completed.

A copy of the Program of Studies is available for viewing in the Trustees' Reading Room.

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