

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees  
FROM: E. Schmidt, Acting Superintendent of Schools  
SUBJECT: Locally Developed Courses – Curriculum Addition  
ORIGINATOR: D. Barrett, Executive Director

RESOURCE

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Punjabi Language and Culture Kindergarten to Grade 3 Program of Studies be approved for use in the district.

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**Background:** On June 14, 2004 the board approved a draft Punjabi Language and Culture curriculum for kindergarten to grade 3. The district commenced offering this curriculum at Meyokumin School in September 2004 in kindergarten and grade one, and by September 2006 it will be extended to grade 3.

A review of the curriculum was conducted since the initial implementation, generating a number of recommended changes including the addition of grammar charts. The Program of Studies presented in this report has been amended to reflect all recommendations.

The curriculum is designed to be extended through grade 12. A grade 4 to 12 provincial curriculum exists for Punjabi.

The district continues to receive requests for Punjabi from interested parents. With the commencement of Cogito programming at Meyokumin School in September 2006 a large number of students coming from Punjabi private schools will significantly increase demand for Punjabi language courses.

A copy of the Punjabi Language and Culture Kindergarten to Grade 3 Program of Studies is available for viewing in the Trustees' Reading Room.

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