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To: Superintendents of School Divisions
Principals of Funded Independent Schools
Directors of First Nations Education Authorities
Student Services Administrators
Manitoba School for the Deaf

Dear Colleagues:

In recognition of the important contributions of musicians, music educators, and music education programs in our schools and communities, I am pleased to proclaim the month of May 2024 as Music Month in Manitoba.

Music plays a central role in the lives of Manitobans from infancy to adulthood, and enriches educational experiences on a personal, social, and creative level; it enriches a vibrant culture and is integral to human life. It has the power to illuminate, deepen, broaden, and enhance human experience. Music embodies and expresses ideas, feelings, and meaning.

While music is an important part of the Manitoba school curriculum throughout the year, its role in education is highlighted during Music Month and gives us an opportunity to celebrate our province's rich musical heritage and appreciate the artists and educators involved in music programs. The attached proclamation acknowledges and celebrates the gift of music and the educators who share this gift with their students.

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning values the time, commitment, and creativity that educators bring to music learning. We trust that the observance of Music Month 2024 will continue to support and promote music education and inspire the growth of all students.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

- c. Board Chairs, School Divisions
Principals of Public Schools
Independent and International Education Unit