



Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning

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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 honour of the invaluable contributions that Black people and people of African descent have made to Manitoba, both historically and contemporarily, I am delighted to share the attached proclamation on behalf of the Honourable Glen Simard, Minister of Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism.

This proclamation shines a light on Black history as a pillar of Manitoba's social and economic vitality. Manitoba's Black communities are diverse, composed of more than 46,000 people who have brought their wide-ranging backgrounds and perspectives to the province and enhanced Manitoba's social, economic, cultural and political spheres. Black History Month promotes and celebrates the contributions Black people and people of African descent have made throughout Manitoba's history.

We recognize the work that schools do to find student-centred ways to explore Black history. We acknowledge that these efforts form part of a larger project to ensure that every Manitoban is valued and can see themselves represented, as expressed in the guiding principle of equity in our *Framework for Learning* (2023).

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Revisiting Black History Month year after year offers us all priceless learning opportunities as we accumulate knowledge and refine our approach to authentic representation of all communities that make up the province of Manitoba.

Please share this information within and among your schools.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Minister
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Attachment

- c. Honourable Glen Simard, Minister of Sport, Culture, Heritage, and Tourism
Board Chairs, School Boards
Principal of Public Schools
Independent and International Education