



## AP 1-211 – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RECOGNITION OF TREATY LANDS AND INDIGENOUS TERRITORIES

Western School Division recognizes the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 16 distinctive calls to action in matters of education, culture and languages, and education for reconciliation. Western School Division recognizes that these calls to action serve as guiding principles for the future of our students, both indigenous and non-indigenous.

In the spirit of these calls to action, Western School Division will implement formal and consistent actions that will acknowledge and recognize Treaty Lands and Indigenous Territories in our schools and at various public school and/or divisional events.

Acknowledgement and recognition actions will include:

- Western School Division written acknowledgement and recognition displays at the main and/or administration office entrance in all Western School Division facilities; schools, division office, bus garage; English and French language
- Acknowledgement and recognition announcement during the first school opening exercise each week
- Acknowledgement and recognition announcements at formal school and divisional events such as Western School Division Board of Trustees' regular meetings, public consultation meetings, budget presentations, professional development events, school graduations, school concerts, and the opening ceremonies of MHSAA provincial championships.

Western School Division's English and French language acknowledgement and recognition public announcements of Treaty Lands and Indigenous Territories are as follows:

### **English**

The Western School Division operates on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe and Dakota peoples. The Western School Division respects the Treaties that were made on this territory.

### **French**

La Division Scolaire de Western dirige ses opérations sur les terres traditionnelles des peuples Anishinaabe et Dakota. La Division scolaire de Western respecte les traités qui ont été conclus sur ce territoire.

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