



# Media Release

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## **Board Develops Cross Cultural Awareness Plan**

The Board of Trustees approved its Cross Cultural Awareness Plan at a meeting on September 25, 2012. The Cross Cultural Awareness Plan is a critical part of the two Board priorities. Those priorities are:

Improve the academic success for all students

Enhance the success of First Nations students and encourage the active involvement of their families

"The Board is committed to ensuring the academic success for all students and we are keenly aware that we must continue our work to ensure the success of our First Nations students," said Deanna Specht, Board Chair. "This year, the Board is focusing on determining the programs and services needed in our Division, including cultural awareness and understanding in our schools," said Specht.

The Cross Cultural Awareness Plan will continue the work to ensure cultural awareness and understanding across the Division to better meet the needs of students and their families. Continuing the work to determine which other programs and services would make a positive difference for First Nations students and their family is critical.

"It is essential that we continue our work to build and maintain positive and meaningful relationships with the four band's Educational Authorities. Our work so far with two of the four band Educational Authorities has been very productive and rewarding," said Shauna Bruno, WRPS trustee representing the four bands. "But we want to extend this work to include all of the educational authorities so that we can be in a better position to meet the needs of all of our students and their families and those of our neighbors," said Bruno.

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