



AP #224 – Formal Treaty and Territorial Recognition and Acknowledgement

Prairie Rose School Division

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School Administration

Procedure Manual

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PRSD recognizes the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 16 distinctive calls to action in matters of education, culture and languages, and education for reconciliation. PRSD 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, PRSD 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:

- PRSD written acknowledgement and recognition displays at the main and/or administration office entrance in all PRSD facilities; schools, division office, bus garages; 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 PRSD Board of Trustees' regular meetings, PRSD public consultation meetings, PRSD budget presentations, PRSD professional development events, school graduations, school concerts and the opening ceremonies of MHSAA provincial championships.

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

English

We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that Prairie Rose School Division is in Treaty 1 territory and that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, and the homeland of the Métis Nation. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

French

Nous tenons [Je tiens] d'abord à souligner que nous nous trouvons sur le territoire visé par le traité no 1 et que les terres sur lesquelles nous sommes rassemblés font partie du territoire traditionnel des peuples anishinabé, et de la patrie de la nation métisse. Nous respectons les traités qui ont été conclus relativement à ces territoires, nous reconnaissons les préjudices et les erreurs du passé, et nous nous engageons à aller de l'avant en partenariat avec les collectivités autochtones dans un esprit de réconciliation et de coopération.

***Any changes to the acknowledgement must be approved by the Board of Trustees.**