

February 2021

To: Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Kindergarten Students for the 2021/2022 School Year

Re: Kindergarten Registration and Designated Schools

Before your child is officially enrolled in the Louis Riel School Division (LRSD), I'd like to personally welcome you to our LRSD community. On behalf of all our staff, we are collectively eager to begin a collaborative journey with you and your child as we help them excel as caring, confident, capable, and resilient life-long learners who contribute to a democratic and sustainable world.

Your child has already begun their learning journey through their early experiences. Entering kindergarten is the next step on this exciting and empowering path! Our division's Mission is to provide your child a safe, inclusive, and engaging environment, where personal and collective learning are valued, and each one of us reaches our full potential.

Kindergarten registration in LRSD **begins on Monday, March 1, and closes on Friday, March 26**. To register online, please visit www.lrsd.net/kindergarten. If you prefer a printed copy of the registration form, please [call your local school](#) to arrange a time for pick up. When registering, parents will need to provide a birth certificate, medical card, or baptismal certificate to verify the child's age.

Here are a couple of frequently asked questions:

- **How old does my child need to be in order to register for kindergarten?**
To be eligible to register for kindergarten, the student must celebrate their fifth birthday before December 31 of that school year. **There are no exceptions to this eligibility policy.**
- **Which school will my child attend?**
Each school has a designated catchment area defined by street boundaries determined by LRSD. The resident address of the parent(s) and/or guardian(s) determines which school a student is designated to attend for both English and French Immersion programs. If you are unsure of the name of your designated school, please visit the [Locate a School](#) tab on our website.

Please note that the address of a childcare facility (e.g. daycare, nursery, pre-school, babysitter) that a child attends during the day, does not determine which school the child may attend. The only time an address other than the parent(s)/guardian(s) home address may be used to determine a child's designated school is when legal guardianship* has been assigned to the occupant of the new address.

We recognize that some families may wish to have their child attend a school outside of their catchment, but our goal is to direct learners to their designated catchment school as it helps support and strengthen the local community.

If you have any questions or would like any further information on the kindergarten registration process, please contact the principal at your local school.

In closing, I look forward to working with you to create a collaborative and student-centered education for your child as one of our newest members of the LRSD learning community.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Michalik', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christian Michalik
Superintendent of Schools

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***A change in guardianship of a student requires legal documentation.** Without documentation confirming such a change, a new address cannot be accepted as the legal residence of a student for designated school/program purposes.