

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
Settlement Program and Resettlement Assistance Program
Call for Proposals (CFP) 2024

December 22nd, 2023

To Members of the Grant Selection Committee:

Re: Settlement Worker in Schools Initiative Grant Application

On behalf of the Board of Trustees for Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD), please accept this letter of appreciation and support for the Settlement Worker in Schools Program (S.W.I.S.) grant reapplication - an initiative currently offered through the **Edson and District Community Learning Society**.

As you are aware, the challenges facing youth today have grown increasingly complex and diverse. Language barriers, lack of understanding of Canadian culture and values, and family expectation for their children to attend meetings to provide translation services are just a few of the challenges Settlement Workers in Schools address to help ensure the successful integration of children and youth into the public school system. Especially in small, rural communities, the service provided by SWIS is essential.

As stewards for strong and inclusive public education, we believe an excellent education is the foundation for a democratic, informed, and engaged society, and must be provided to all of Alberta's students. An inclusive community with funded partners ensures there is a comprehensive network of organizations and service providers committed to the same goal: a democratic, informed and engaged society. The service provided by the **S.W.I.S. Program** offered in Edson is an essential partner in ensuring Edson and District is a community where newcomer families want to put down roots and thrive.

We hope that you will once again select the **Edson and District Community Learning Society** as a successful recipient of the grant. Thank you for your commitment to and support of this valuable program that benefits immigrant and refugee students and their families across Canada.

Sincerely,



Dale Karpluk (Dec 22, 2023 16:53 MST)

Dale Karpluk, Board Chair (Jasper)

Cc: Mr. Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, Alberta
Board of Trustees for Grande Yellowhead Public School Division
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