

February 2023

To: Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Kindergarten Students for the 2023/2024 School Year

Re: Kindergarten Registration and Designated Schools

As your child approaches entry into kindergarten in the Louis Riel School Division (LRSD), I'd like to personally welcome you to our LRSD community. On behalf of all our staff, I know we are 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 journey of learning and growing 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.

Although the start of the 2023/2024 school year is months away, registration is the first step in the process of your child joining our LRSD learning community.

**Kindergarten Registration**

Registration for Kindergarten in LRSD will begin on Wednesday, March 1 and close on Friday, March 24. To register online or obtain a kindergarten registration form, please visit the "[School Registration](#)" section under the "[About Us](#)" tab on the [Divisional Website](#). Parents who are unable to register online can contact their child's designated school to assist with the registration process.

**At What Age Is My Child Eligible to Start Kindergarten?**

To be eligible to register for kindergarten, the student must celebrate their fifth birthday before December 31 of that school year. **No exceptions apply 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](#)" section under the "[Schools](#)" tab on the [Divisional 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.

Whenever possible, we would like learners to attend their neighborhood school. We know each of our schools can provide a quality education, but we also recognize that attendance at a neighborhood school strengthens our communities.

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

In closing, I wish your small person a joyful start to the upcoming school year and 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 small dot at the end.

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.