

Introduction of **International Mother Language Day** **in the** **School Yearly Calendar**

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Project Proposal

For active Implementation of International Mother Language Day (IMLD) by appointing “Mother Language Ambassador” from among the students of Elementary level.

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What is IMLD ?

What is the role of MLLWS?

- Declaration of IMLD by UNESCO in 1999
- Historical background and significance of 21st February

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UNESCO SDG Vision2030

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goal:

- Language and
 - Quality Education
 - Education in mother tongue
 - Gender equality
 - Economic growth
 - Reduction of inequalities
 - Peace and justice

UNESCO THEME ON IMLD

2019: INDIGINOUS LANGUAGES MATTER FOR DEVELOPMENT

2020: LANGUAGES WITHOUT BORDERS

Canadian Perspective

- * Indigenous mother languages listed for Canada is 89
- * Out of these 89 languages, 85 are living and 4 are extinct.....(three from BC origin)
- * Out of 85 Canadian living languages, 14 are endangered

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What is BC Model

Phase I:

- a. Integration:** to create awareness/recognition/value etc.
- b. Implementation:**
 - i.** Target - Students,
 - ii.** Facility - Schools

Phase II

- a.** Active Implementation of IMLD into the School District's Yearly Calendar

Expected Results of the Model

Surrey School District with 101 Elementary Schools in 2015 had:

Yearly Student Enrolment: App. 40,000
Mother languages spoken at home: 172

Result: 40,000 students being aware of their own and others mother languages

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Examples of student initiatives

- Wrote the names of their mother tongue and a phrase in their mother language on a paper maple leaf each
- Created an Ancestree with over 400 of these leaves



Also the students created an I-movie and uploaded in the YouTube page:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQdtpvcumIM>

Mode of implementation

1. **Basic Resources from UNESCO/MLLWS:**
Annual Theme on IMLD, information packages, video presentations, posters etc.
2. **Mother Language Committee:**
School Board to form the Committee for Yearly IMLD celebration, & Create awareness through presentation, seminar, counselling, Classroom talks etc.
3. **Mother Language Ambassador:**
School Board will elect/select from school/school zone
4. **Regional celebration:**
Involving the City/Municipality & local political figure for further development in Canadian context.

Thank You

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