

Supporting Multilingual Learners in Bluewater District School Board

Bluewater District School Board (BWDSB) has welcomed many new students from varying linguistic and cultural backgrounds this year. To support our mission to provide a quality education for every student in a safe, accepting, and caring environment, our vision for these students and their families is to develop a culturally diverse learning experience in which students will see, hear, and feel their own languages in their classrooms and school communities.

Initiatives to support this vision include:

- adopting the term multilingual learner (MLL);
- allowing students to use their home language for learning and leveraging technology to communicate;
- creating a representative multilingual library of eBooks and videos to reflect the dynamic population of our board;
- developing a welcome ambassador program in each school;
- supporting ongoing dialogues with community partners to foster welcoming communities; and
- fostering collaborative spaces to discuss multilingual pedagogy so all students feel motivated, valued, and connected.

Recommendation:

That Bluewater District School Board receive the 'Supporting Multilingual Learners in Bluewater District School Board' report for information.

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