

## **WSD** Teacher Induction and Mentorship Program

## 10 things school leaders and teachers need to know

- The intent of the WSD Induction and Mentorship Program is to provide effective teaching and career development for both mentees and mentors over a two-year timeframe.
- Teachers are eligible if they have two years experience or less and a new permanent contract.
- Release time (up to 5 days each for mentors and mentees) is centred around job-embedded learning which may include learning through co-planning, modelling, classroom observations, collegial feedback, and inquiry into practice.
- Learning partnerships are established based on the mentee's articulated needs. Criteria including professional skills and strengths of participants, professional experience of participants and geographic proximity of schools are also considered.
- 5 Benefits to mentees include connection to a mentor and opportunities for co-planning and professional networking. Teachers direct their own professional development pathway based on student needs, teacher inquiry interests, school goals and divisional goals.
- Benefits to mentors include professional engagement through service to the profession, developing transferrable leadership skills, practicing professional inquiry, and opportunities to refine practice.
- All mentors receive resources, coaching and in-depth training regarding adult learning over two years.
- All participants engage in an annual review that is used to inform program planning. This review is conducted in collaboration with The Faculty of Education (University of Manitoba).
- The framework and design of this program is based on national and international research regarding teacher professional development that impacts student learning.
- Olndividual and confidential support is available to ensure successful partnerships. Consultation is available by contacting Kathy Collis and Gail Ruta Fontaine at the PLLC office

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