

February 9, 2026

Subject: Welcome to École Mino Pimatisiwin

Hello, Bonjour, Boozhoo École Mino Pimatisiwin families,

This message is to welcome you to the École Mino Pimatisiwin school community. The school is scheduled to open in September of 2026 and will be your child's catchment school for Kindergarten to grade 6 in the 2026/2027 school year. You are receiving this letter as your address has been identified as belonging to our catchment area.

Mino Pimatisiwin is an Indigenous worldview that translates to the good life in English or bien-vivre in French. It describes how the emotional, physical, mental, and spiritual parts of a person come together in balance, leading to a good life. Mino Pimatisiwin is an ongoing endeavour to live in relationship with oneself and others as part of the natural world with respect, reciprocity and interconnectedness. These values are central to our vision of this community.

To respond to some initial questions we have been receiving, I can share the following information. Construction is on schedule and we continue to anticipate a September start date for the school. The school hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sugar & Spice Daycare will have a location in the school and will include a before and after program for school age children. Other daycare facilities that will service the new school are the Sugar & Spice locations at École Rivière-Rouge and Riverbend Schools, Sunny Mountain Daycare (Main Street location) and the Seven Oaks Hospital daycare.

We know that families have many questions as we navigate the transition to a new school. We will be planning information nights for all families as well as open houses and opportunities to learn more about the school, its programming and the transition process in the upcoming months.

I invite you to call (204) 946-0950 or email minopimatisiwin@7oaks.org any time with any questions or concerns you may have. We also currently have a satellite office located at 2536 Main Street, Unit 2. Our office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We ask that you contact us before coming to ensure someone is in the office.

This is an exciting opportunity to build our new school community, and I am looking forward to meeting you all in the days and months to come.

Sincerely,

Crystal Hanson
Directrice/Principal
École Mino Pimatisiwin