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School District No. 6  
(Rocky Mountain)  
*Quest for Quality*

### **Full Day Kindergarten in the Rocky Mountain School District**

In August 2009 government announced its commitment to expand kindergarten from a half day to a full school day with implementation happening over the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years. With this commitment to a two year phase in the Ministry of Education has informed school districts of the number of full day kindergarten spaces which will be funded effective September 2010. Given funding for 143 students in School District No.6 (Rocky Mountain) the Board has considered how this funding can best be distributed. As such, at its January 12th Regular Meeting the Board passed a motion to implement full day kindergarten in the Golden and Kimberley Zones effective September 2010, with implementation in the Windermere Zone (Canal Flats, Windermere, Invermere, Edgewater) in September 2011.

The Rocky Mountain Board of Education and staff are dedicated to ensuring that full day kindergarten continues to be a play-based developmental program and a high quality introduction to the primary program. Ms. Barbara Morris, Assistant Superintendent Learning Leadership and Student Services will be facilitating orientation sessions for parents and guardians and will be planning staff development sessions for teachers who may be teaching students registered in full day kindergarten. These sessions will be held this spring with parents, guardians and staff from throughout the Rocky Mountain School District being encouraged to participate. "Full day kindergarten is an exciting opportunity for our youngest students as they transition into school life", emphasized Board Chair Roberta Hall.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Bendina Miller, Superintendent of Schools, at (250)342-9243, local 251.