



Digital Literacy Skills

FILLING A CRITICAL GAP

Why are we here?

- ▶ Lack of digital literacy skills - key concern for this generation
- ▶ Says who?
 - ▶ Post-secondary institutions
 - ▶ Parents and teachers

What are digital literacy skills?

- ▶ 1. Define effective research questions
- ▶ 2. **Access online sources of information**
- ▶ 3. Assess the credibility of sources
- ▶ 4. Effectively utilize credible sources of information
- ▶ 5. Appropriately reference sources

Why is this an issue?

- ▶ 1. Need to empower our youth
- ▶ 2. Need to help rural communities retain their youth

How can we address this critical need?

- ▶ Pilot and evaluate an approach at LVR – to define a longer-term strategy for SD8
- ▶ Fall 2014
 - ▶ Specific course for grades 10-12
 - ▶ Evaluate to learn
- ▶ Spring 2013
 - ▶ Work with grade 9s
 - ▶ Evaluate to learn
- ▶ Fall 2015
 - ▶ Broader implementation

What do we need?

- ▶ LVR Requests support for release time for teacher planning, collaborating, implementation, and evaluation of program
- ▶ Approximately 14-16 1.0 FTE days (\$4900-5200)
- ▶ Evaluation and feedback from District on long term feasibility and adaptability of program for district-wide implementation

Potential Partners

- ▶ Nelson Public Library
- ▶ Selkirk College
- ▶ Community Futures
- ▶ Local Professionals

What will SD8 gain?

- ▶ We have identified a critical gap
- ▶ We have identified a credible response
 - ▶ Pilot
 - ▶ Learn
 - ▶ Implement
- ▶ Digital Literacy is a foundation for all SD8 goals