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Salsabel Aboktef
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Dear Salsabel,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I want to thank you for sharing your poem "I am a Descendant of Warriors" via video with us during our recent anti-racism training hosted by Tina Faiz and Natasha Goudar.

Your voice is powerful and your words resonated with Trustees. We hear you and acknowledge your story, your courage and your lived experience of racism.

As you so eloquently wrote, your Blackness is not just your skin colour but it is also your history and stories "overflowing with love and bravery." Your poem is a testament to your history, your story and your love and bravery.

Thank you for sharing your gift with the Board of Trustees as we embark on becoming more anti-racist in our words, actions and policies.

We wish you all the very best as you continue your educational journey with Edmonton Public Schools.

Sincerely,



Trisha Estabrooks
Board Chair