



HANOVER SCHOOL DIVISION

BOARD-PAC LIAISON MEETING



Education Modernization Act – Bill #64

April 27, 2021



Bill #64 Education Modernization Act

On March 15, 2021, the provincial government issued tentative plans under Bill #64 (Education Modernization Act) for significant changes to the Manitoba school system.

Although we affirm the work of the K-12 Commission members and agree that improvements to the K-12 education system are needed, the Board of Trustees is deeply concerned that Bill #64 (as proposed) may negatively impact our communities and schools. The government has proposed structural changes that will affect all education stakeholders, including students, parents/guardians, teachers, staff, and community members. These changes are significant in scope, create a new governance model, and extend far beyond the Commission's final report.

The Board of Trustees fully supports a plan of action to build an education system that is classroom-focused, student-centred, parent-friendly, and accountable for results. We believe this can and should be done collaboratively with existing school boards and education stakeholders.

- HSD Board of Trustees



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The following compilation of ten slides is from the government's presentation slide deck located at BetterEducationMB.ca.

The slides provide an overview of Manitoba Education's stated plans and their perspective on current governance models.

Let's look at the government's plans for education in Manitoba.

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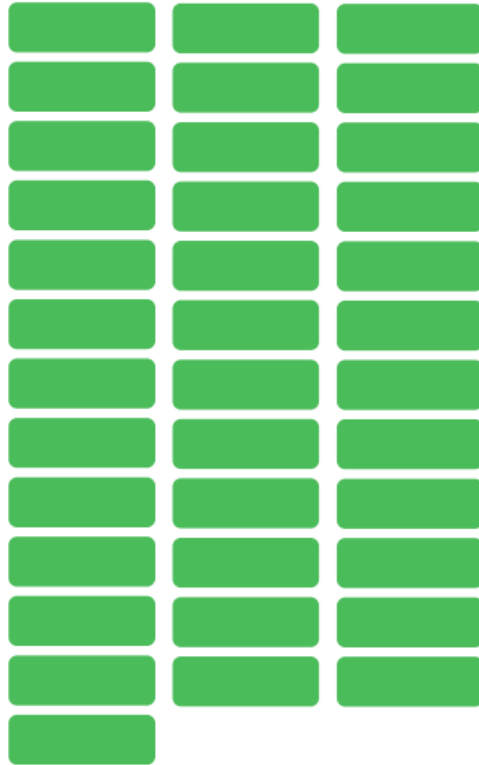
A complicated, top-heavy structure, unchanged for decades

MANITOBA EDUCATION

- Strategic planning
- Funding
- Accountability
- Provincial curriculum and assessment
- Oversight of home and independent schools
- Student records
- Teacher certification
- Student inclusion supports
- Program for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- Manitoba School for the Deaf

37 SCHOOL DIVISION BOARDS

Superintendent, secretary-treasurer and an average of 8 trustees per board



- Setting mill rates for property taxes
- Collective bargaining
- Human resources
- Procurement
- Capital planning
- IT services
- Remote learning
- Deliver K-12 education and the provincial curriculum
- Conduct student evaluations and monitor achievement
- Assign credits
- Support parent councils and engage communities

Manitoba Association of Parent Councils

Manitoba Association of School Superintendents

Manitoba Association of School Business Officials

Manitoba School Board Association

- Labour relations
- Non-teacher pension
- Risk management and insurance

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Modern governance for today's students

MANITOBA EDUCATION

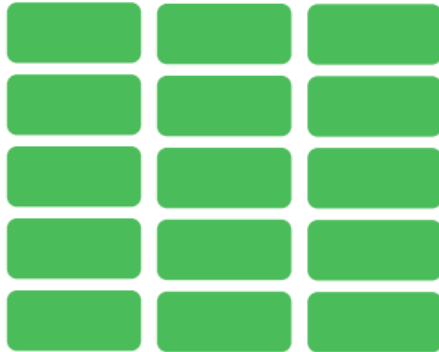
- Strategic planning
- Funding
- Commissioning accountability
- Curriculum, assessment, standards and policy
- Performance targets and measurement
- Oversight of home and independent schools
- Student records
- Teacher certification

PROVINCIAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY

Governed by a board of up to 11 appointees, including at least two parent representatives from the Provincial Advisory Council on Education.

- Shared services: Labour relations, workforce planning, IT, capital planning, procurement, risk management, insurance
- Provincial education delivery: Remote learning, provincial education and other centralized services for students.

15 REGIONS



- Deliver K-12 Education
- Focus on student achievement and addressing achievement gaps
- Support school leaders and manage schools
- Build educator capacity and supports
- Engage parents
- Support School Community Councils for every school

Manitoba School Benefits Administration Corp.

- Non-teacher pension

Division Scolaire Franco-Manitobaine (DSFM)

Governed by elected trustees in accordance with obligations under the Charter to protect minority language rights

PROVINCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EDUCATION

15 parents elected from School Community Councils and a Trustee from DSFM

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**New regions to
reflect unique
regional needs**

New regions

Winnipeg, St. James-Assiniboia, Louis Riel, Pembina Trails, Seven Oaks, River East Transcona
Frontier, Kelsey, Flin Flon, Mystery Lake
Beautiful Plains, Park West, Rolling River
Mountain View, Swan Valley, Turtle River
Fort La Bosse, Southwest Horizon, Turtle Mountain
Evergreen, Lakeshore
Interlake, Lord Selkirk
Sunrise, Whiteshell
Portage La Prairie, Pine Creek
Prairie Spirit, Prairie Rose
Garden Valley, Western
Border Land, Red River Valley
Brandon
Hanover
Seine River



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Modern governance for today's students

CURRENT SYSTEM

Duplication, competition and disparities

37 School Divisions

- Collective bargaining
- HR
- IT
- Remote learning
- Procurement
- Capital planning
- Deliver education
- Engage parents
- Report on student achievement and address gaps

NEW SYSTEM

Education administration and leadership are separated into distinct roles; parents have stronger voice

Provincial Education Authority

- Collective bargaining
- HR
- IT
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- Capital planning

15 Regions

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Division
scolaire
franco-
manitobaine

Provincial Advisory Council on Education

Parents have oversight of system

School Community Councils

Parents have a formal process to influence decisions

Simplifying administration and governance will save up to \$40 million.



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Provincial Education Authority

A new Provincial Education Authority will increase effectiveness and redirect resources to students.

- The Provincial Education Authority will **unify 37 divisional school boards into 15 regions** (plus DSFM, which remains status quo).
- The Provincial Education Authority will **take responsibility for shared administration** such as bargaining, procurement and IT that will benefit all students by leveraging economies of scale.
- A provincial authority will be able to **target resources to the frontlines, the areas with the most need.**
- Oversee delivery of K-12 education through 15 regions and specialized programs including remote learning and programs for students who are deaf and blind/visually impaired.
- One Board with **up to 11 appointed members, including at least 2 parent representatives** from the Provincial Advisory Council on Education.



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From trustees to School Community Councils

School Community Councils will involve parents in education at the local level.

- School Community Councils will replace trustees as the local voice of schools and communities.
- All parents and caregivers of students will be members of that school community.
- Local decision-making will now focus on student outcomes and mental health and wellness.
- Each school will have a parental engagement officer to support the Council with a budget to support engagement.
- We will consult with parents on the process and role of School Community Councils; there are different models to consider.



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School Community Councils (SCCs)

Purpose and Features

- New School Community Councils replace the existing parent advisory councils. There will be an SCC for every school.
- Every parent of a student at the school is an SCC member and may vote for the council executive.
- SCCs will have a significant role in providing advice to the school Principal on key issues, including:
 - Policies and priorities of the school
 - Recommendations about hiring staff and their evaluation
 - Reviewing the implementation of school policies
- Every school will designate a parental engagement officer who will liaise with the SCC.



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School Community Councils

A voice for parents,
for the future of our
students

A stronger voice for parents – starting with parent input on how to engage them in school decisions

Government will engage parents to better understand how and when they want to be involved in local decision-making. School Community Councils may be involved in:

- needs of the community it serves
- assessing the effectiveness of educational programming at the school
- analyzing the student achievement learning outcomes and determining areas for improvement
- the need to evaluate the performance of any person employed at the school
- proposed capital construction projects at the school site, the proposed annual budget and monthly expenditures
- changes in school programs and activities
- short and long term priorities for the school as set out in the school plan
- transportation of students
- the use of suspensions and expulsions as disciplinary tools at the school
- the policies implemented at the school
- encouraging the involvement of parents at the school



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Provincial Advisory Council on Education

A provincial council of parents to advise the Minister of Education

- The new Provincial Advisory Council on Education will advise the Minister of Education on areas including:
 - the strengths and needs of students, schools and communities
 - the effectiveness of educational programming and student achievement
 - joint school community council arrangements
- Each region will elect one representative from among its School Community Councils to the Provincial Advisory Council on Education
- The Council will be made up of one parent representative from each of the 15 regions plus one representative from DSFM
- Two members of the Advisory Council will be appointed to the Board of the Provincial Education Authority



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Provincial Advisory Council on Education (PACE)

Purpose and Features

- New advisory council established to advise the Minister of Education and make recommendations about any matter relating to the public education system, including:
 - the needs of students, schools and communities
 - the effectiveness of educational programming
 - student achievement of learning outcomes
- The PACE is comprised of 16 members, one parent representative from each RCA elected from among the School Community Council executives, and one trustee representative from the DSFM.





Where Can
I Find More
Information?

Manitoba K-12 Education Review
[Commission's Final Report](#)

Government's Plan of Action
[BetterEducationMB.ca](#)

Education Modernization Act
[Bill #64 Documentation](#)

MSBA Response
[LocalVoices.ca](#)

HSD Board of Trustees Response
[HSD.ca/governance/education-review](#)



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WHY SHOULD YOU SIGN UP FOR 64?

Because sweeping changes
are being proposed
regarding education!



#SignUpFor64

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ASSOCIATION

Whether you agree or disagree with the proposed changes, your voice deserves to be heard. Please call **204-945-3636** and register to speak to Bill #64 (Education Modernization Act). You can also reach out to your local Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) to voice your concerns or support.