



## Manitoba's Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education

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Dear Commission Members,

As a community member in the **Hanover School Division**, I am writing in support of the current system of ELECTED school board governance within Manitoba.

My school board is my voice when it comes to the programming, services and supports offered in our local schools. The school board works with me and for me, to ensure that the schools we have are the schools my community wants and needs. The schools in my community look different from schools in other parts of the province. Those differences are the result of choices my school board has made on my behalf. Those differences are the result of grassroots democracy in action.

I am also writing to express my opposition to any mandated reduction in the number of school divisions in Manitoba. A reduction in numbers means an increase in size, and an increase in size means that it will become more difficult to have my voice heard. School divisions, and the boards that govern them, are already administered efficiently. Experience has shown that there are few, if any, savings to be found in amalgamating school divisions. I am not prepared to trade a say in my local schools for minimal or non-existent savings, the trade-off is not worth it.

I believe that when it comes to education, we need to support local voices making local choices, because schools belong to communities.

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Letter of support must be submitted to the Commission by May 30, 2019. Your contact information must be included. Send by email, fax, or postal mail.

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