

Education

Deputy Minister

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Dear Manitoba Education Colleagues and Stakeholders:

Today, Manitoba announced significant changes to our education system. ***Better Education Starts Today: Putting Students First*** has been developed in response to the recommendations of the Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education as well as the learnings from the COVID-19 pandemic. This strategy outlines our government's commitment to building an education system that puts students first – one that is student-centred, parent-friendly, and classroom focussed and accountable for results. The vision is for **all Manitoba students to succeed, no matter where they live, their background, or their individual circumstances.**

The strategy will focus on **four key pillars for student success:**

1. **Governance and Accountability for Results:** Build a consistent and aligned provincial education system that is accountable for results and engages parents.
2. **High Quality Learning and Outcomes:** Improve learning and outcomes for all students across the province.
3. **Future Ready Students:** Engage students and build competencies for life-long success.
4. **Excellence in Teaching and Leadership:** Ensure teachers, school staff and leaders have the knowledge, skills and tools to support student performance.

Planning will begin immediately as follows:

March - June 2021

- Consult with parents, Parent Advisory Councils and school staff on the role parents can and should play in decision-making, and the role and process for School Community Councils.
- Consult with education staff and stakeholders on priority actions.
- Issue calls for proposals and engagement in for several large-scale priority actions including: curriculum review panel, new assessment framework, funding review.

Fall 2021

- Release the transformation roadmap to map out implementation of the priority actions and the timelines for change.

As early as November 2021

- Establish the Provincial Education Authority, with the changes to the current school trustee system expected later (by July 1, 2022).

Additional information, including the full strategy and Commission report, can be found at www.bettereducationmb.ca. Check back often for updates. If you have specific questions, please reach out to the Education Transformation team at: edutransformation@gov.mb.ca

Thank you for all of your contributions to the consultations as part of the K-12 Commission and for working to improve the education system in Manitoba, both during the pandemic and into the future as we chart our path forward. We look forward to continued and ongoing engagement.

Sincerely,



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