

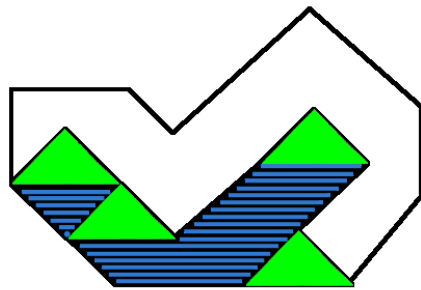
THE FACTS ON BILL 64



*Local Voices
Local Choices*

Because schools belong to communities

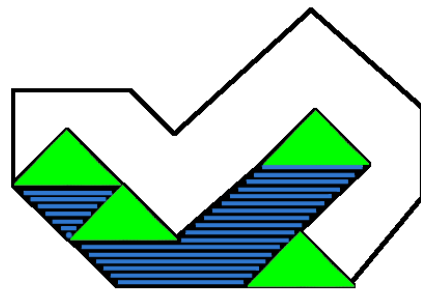
Impacts on students - Why Should Parents and Communities Care?



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SCHOOL COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION





The Education Modernization Act

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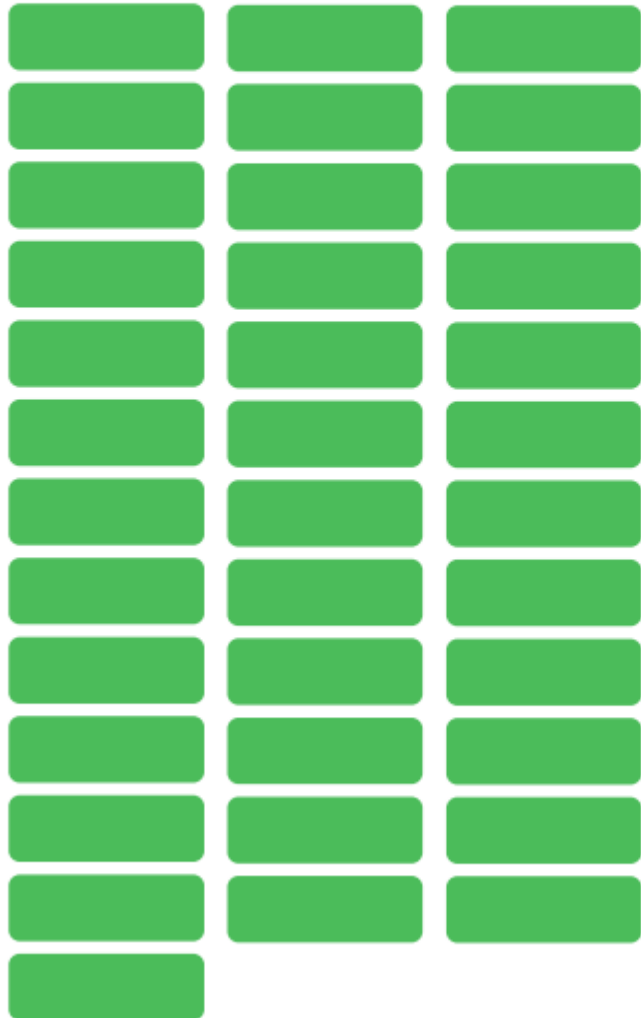
A complicated, top-heavy structure, unchanged for decades

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

CURRENT STRUCTURE

3 ¢ / dollar – highly qualified administrators

0.5 ¢ / dollar – democratically elected school board

Compared to:

20 – 30 ¢ / dollar – non-profit

10 – 20 ¢ / dollar – business for profit



Modern governance for today's students

MANITOBA EDUCATION

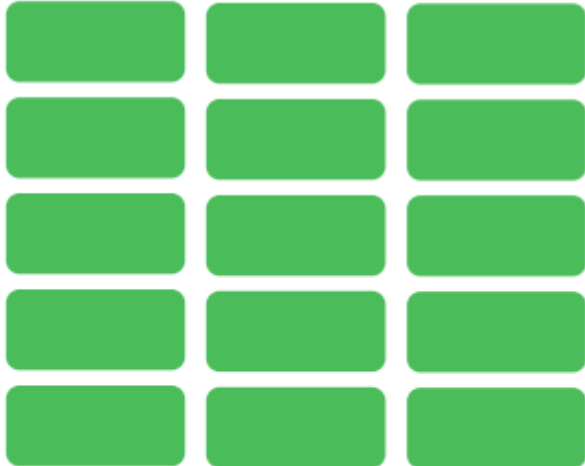
- Strategic planning
- Funding
- Commissioning accountability
- Curriculum, assessment, standards and policy
- Performance targets and measurement
- Oversight of home and independent schools
- Student records
- Teacher certification

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

NEW STRUCTURE



REPRESENTATION

APPOINTEES:

- Provincial Education Authority (PEA)
- PEA Chair
- Regional Director of Education
- School Comm. Council – Executive elected by parents (**not community**)
- Rep on Provincial Advisory Council on Education (PACE)

NEW STRUCTURE



COSTS

- PEA Appointees
- Director of Education
- Operational staff for each region
- Operation of PACE
- Operation of School Community Council and admin. person

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

DISPARITY

- Smallest – 2,500 up to 100,000.
- Geographical differences
 - 20 min. to 4 hr drive or plane ride to division office
 - Similar demographic vs vast differences

SAME REPRESENTATION

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

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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.

CHANGE FOR IMPROVEMENT?



- Savings of \$40 million – no detail
- Current / New system – same operations
- PACE and School Community Councils – both advisory role / no decision-making authority

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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.

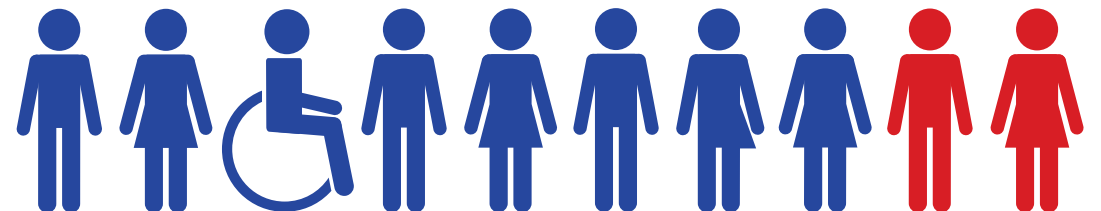
OUTCOMES

“Our students are at or near the bottom of national and international rankings.”

- Minister of Education, Cliff Cullen

- “First to last place scores” difference very slight
- Canada top 10 performing in world
- MB contributes to this national standing
- In reading, math and science, 8 out of 10 MB students meet or exceed expectations

Same as every other province



OUTCOMES



- Government projects \$40 million in savings
- 2 out of 10 students, do not meet or exceed expectations, come from poorest households
 - Government not aiming savings at poorest households
 - Government has provided no detail on savings
 - Government has provided no detail on how the saving will improve outcomes

CENTRALIZED AUTHORITY



Government to put money toward reading, math and science, but education is much more

- Individual interests
- Life beyond the classroom
- Diverse community culture

CENTRALIZED AUTHORITY



Bill 64 - 15 regions - 1 provincial authority

- Large, centralized
- Less responsive to local needs
- Homogenization of provincial programming
- Need to 'make your case' for local program
- Centralized decision-makers = unresponsive or slowed decisions at local level



REPRESENTATION



School Community Councils – Volunteers

- Parental representation
- No local voice for taxpayers without children in the system
- Advisory role only



Loss of decision-making on

- Budgets
- Safe schools
- Classroom content
- Programming
- Supports and services.
- ...

REPRESENTATION



Although legislated, Government has broken promises to meet with stakeholders

- 2019, Minister of Education eliminated legal duty to meet annually with Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC)
- 30 years ago Government created advisory council to inform minister and Department of Education have not met in 20 years
- How to hold Government responsible to consult with advisory boards?

REPRESENTATION



A strike against diversity and cultural identity

- School boards have equal representation of men and women
- Indigenous representation, elected by their communities to school boards, is lost
- Bill 64 – no authority by School Community Councils for programming for language, religion, culture, local business and community needs

DID YOU KNOW



- Bill 64 removes restriction on school closures
- Bill 64 eliminates requirement for bus rides of 1 hour or less
- Plans underway now to move local staff out of communities - families, tax-payers, jobs, business gone
- Bill 64 takes away rights of those outside the Francophone community

WHAT'S NEXT?

First Reading: November 2020

Second Reading: ???



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or by emailing committees@leg.gov.mb.ca
10 minutes, virtual speech

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