
DAVID & GOLIATH

Grassroots citizens take on the Government of Manitoba

Trustee Lena Kublick, Lord Selkirk School Division, Selkirk MB.
Trustee Sandy Nemeth, Louis Riel School Division, Winnipeg MB.



After the March 12, 2021, announcement of an announcement, Monday March 15 was the day Manitobans learned about *Bill 64: The Education Modernization Act* and the *Better Education Starts Today: Putting Students First* strategy.

AGENDA

Lord Selkirk School Division (LSSD)

- About LSSD
- The community
- The board
- The approach
- Post mortem

Louis Riel School Division (LRSD)

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What comes next?

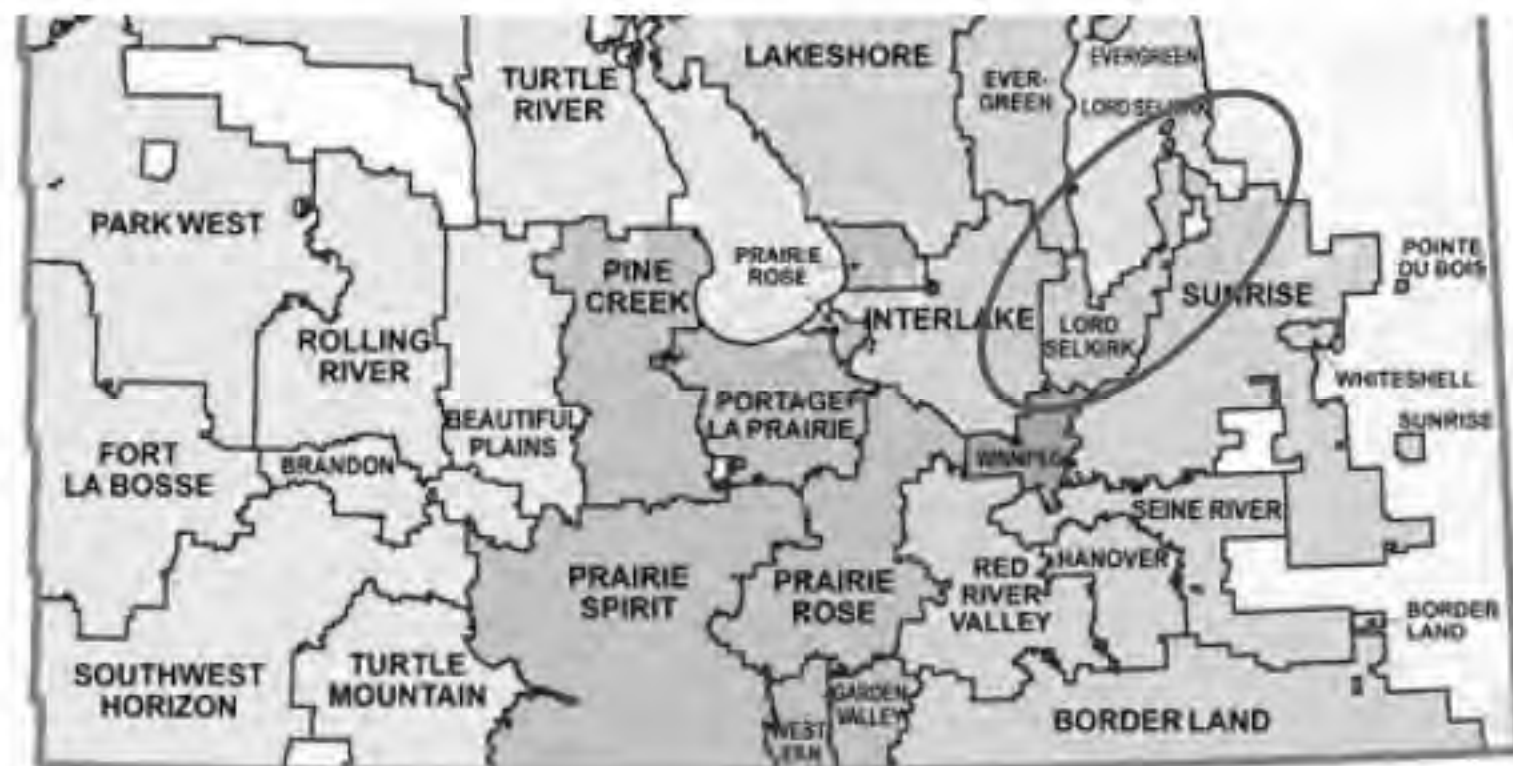
Questions?





Lord Selkirk School Division
Educational Care & Excellence

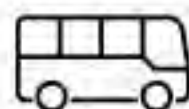
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LSSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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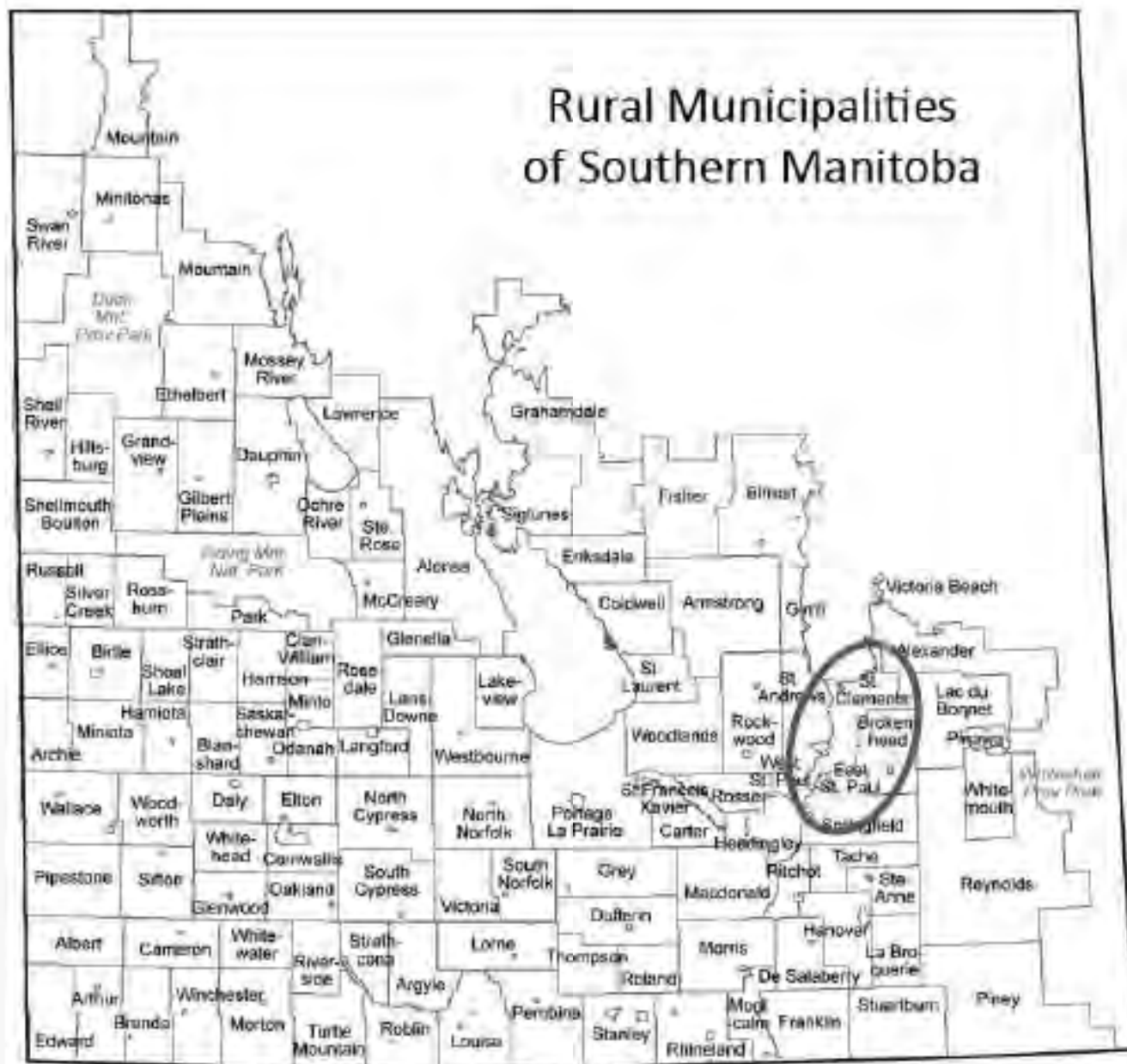
HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Looking back prepared us
to move forward



ASSOCIATION OF
MANITOBA
MUNICIPALITIES

AND SO
IT BEGINS...





DARREN MCKEE

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'Do we really need 28 school divisions?' Sask. education minister on possible restructuring



Saskatchewan government should leave school divisions alone



SASKATCHEWAN School Boards ASSOCIATION

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Community Voice Essential to Saskatchewan Education System

...and finally invited them to an online consultation...

...and they were concerned about the effects of ...

Parents rally at Sask. legislature to oppose education cuts



Thousands of parents took their complaints to the legislature in Regina.

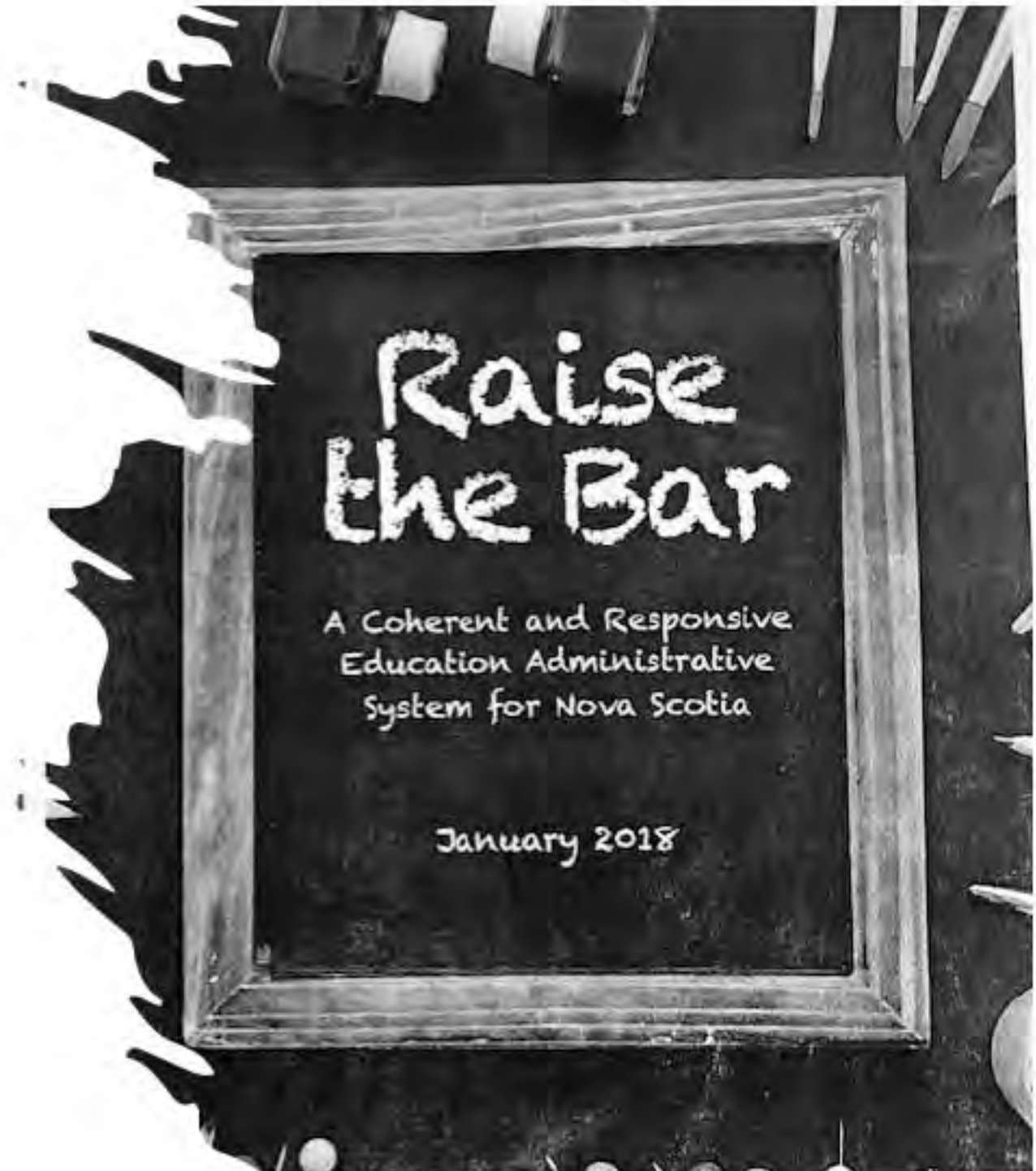


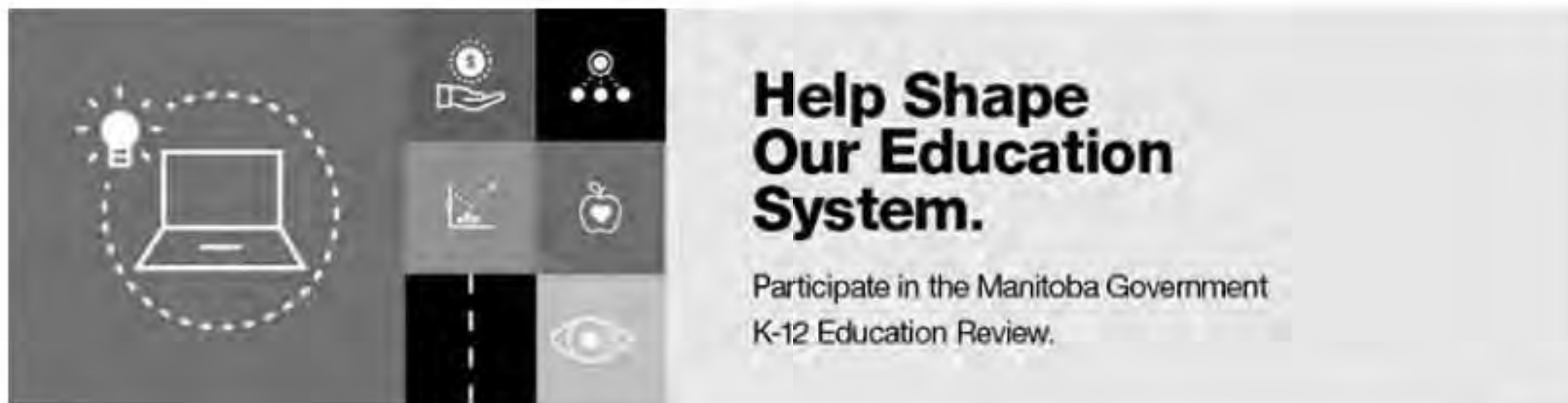
HEADLINES FROM NEXT DOOR

Report offers options for revamping, reducing Saskatchewan school boards

...provincial model - Consolidate 28 existing public boards of education into a single provincial public school board with responsibility for management of all 600 of the public schools in the province.

NOVA SCOTIA'S EDUCATION REVIEW





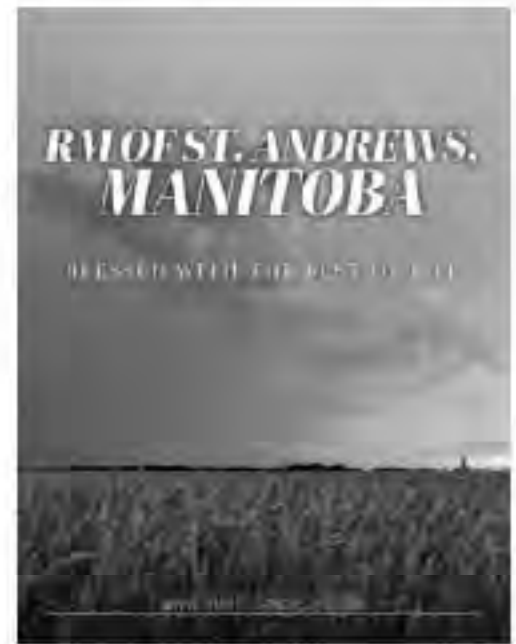
TRAINING GROUND

- Parent Advisory Councils
- RMs
- MLA's
- Form letters, petitions, presentations, attend forums
- Local Voices for Local Choices



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS

KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE



RMs
AGAIN, KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE



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COVID-19 ARRIVES IN MANITOBA – MARCH 2020



BILL 64 INTRODUCED IN NOVEMBER 2020 AND DISAPPEARS



letter to the editor

Letters to the Editor: letters@selkirkrecord.ca

The elusive Bill 64: Why you should care

At the Dec. 1, 2020 meeting of Winnipeg City Council, it was agreed that a portion of federal funds would be reallocated from Transit to Green Infrastructure for upgrading the North End Sewage Treatment Plant.

And that's a good thing for communities who live north of Winnipeg and have endured sewage spills into the river that have been unreported

er, but that burner is still on, Cliff Cullen, new Education Minister, who has no background in Education, will be tasked with implementing what Premier Brian Pallister described as "the most ambitious undertaking in education improvement enhancement [at] the K-12 level that our province has ever seen".

And while schools are doing their

of Lord Selkirk School Division may very well rest with this Bill: would someone in Dauphin think that our Performing Arts Program is a priority? Would someone in Grand Rapids think that a Ukrainian Bilingual Program should be offered? Would someone in Eriksdale think that the cost of running the community pool is worthwhile? Would someone in Winnipeg see the value of having a community school in Grand Marais? These are exaggerations, to be sure,

"Could you please clarify which Bill you have concerns about? I have no record of Bill 64." **EXACTLY!**

area. To be sure, making a decision with a view to mitigating further damage to Lake Winnipeg is an eco-

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communities and are invested in their schools. By amalgamating school divisions and possibly eliminating

Bill 64 and BEST Strategies

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

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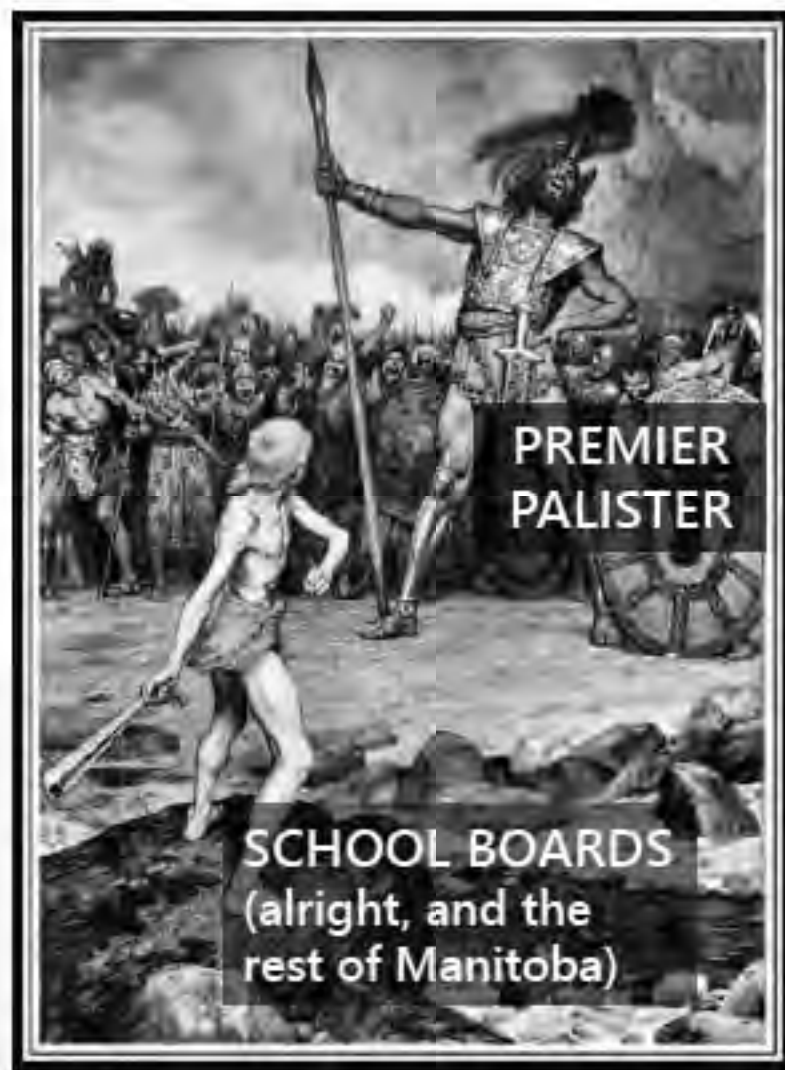
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(Using Darren
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OUR APPROACH

Grassroots – Town Halls

- PACs, parents/guardians, caregivers, school staff, community members
- Lawn signs
- Municipal Government
- Local media
- Social media
- School and divisional websites
- MLAs

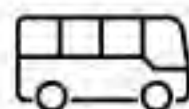
WELCOME TO THE
LORD SELKIRK SCHOOL DIVISION
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MEETING

APRIL 7, 2021

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K – 12 EDUCATION REVIEW

Conducted Feb – June 2019 at a cost of >\$1 million

Examples of the extent of the public engagement includes:

- Written submissions – 2,309
- Formal briefs – 62
- Public survey responses – 8,891
- Teacher survey responses – 1,260
- Submissions of exemplary practices – 159
- Public workshops participants – 1,690
- Student workshop participants – 137
- 75 recommendations were made by the Commission

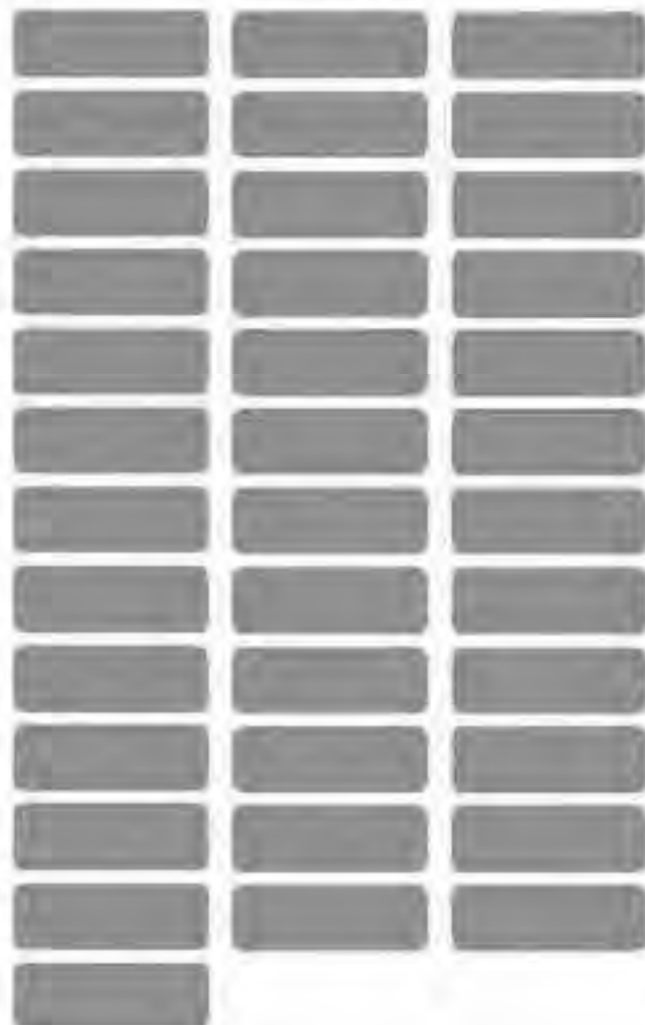
A complicated, top-heavy structure, unchanged for decades

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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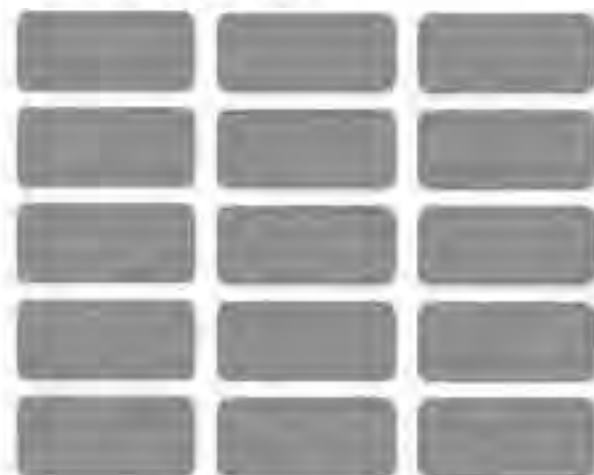
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- Commissioning accountability
- Curriculum, assessment, standards and policy
- Performance targets and measurement
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PROVINCIAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY

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 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

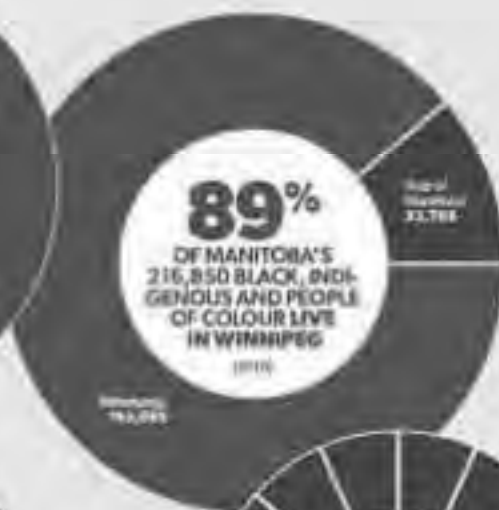
Seine River

"Parents have oversight of the system."

- BETTER EDUCATION STARTS TODAY (B.E.S.T.) STRATEGY REPORT



DISTRICT CODE	PROPOSED SCHOOL DISTRICT
5-495	Greenwood/Redwood
6-090	North Winnipeg (Southwestern) - University Heights
6-450	Protonopolis/Highlands
6-811	Stapleton
4-314	Stonewall/Red River Valley
4-120	Stranger/Laurel Park/Elm Creek
4-817	Summit/Waltonville
3-150	Multiple Districts (Northwestern) - Oak Bluff
3-885	Stapleton/Stranger/Elm Creek/Waltonville/Summit
5-811	Stapleton/Highlands
4-950	Summit/Elm Creek
6-218	Winnipeg
6-294	Winnipeg
12-189	Winnipeg (Southwestern) - North Assiniboia
106,368	Winnipeg



EACH PARENT ELECTED FROM A SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL IN THEIR DISTRICT REPRESENTS THE INTERESTS OF STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS IN THE DISTRICT. THE NUMBERS ALONE SIGNAL A GREAT INEQUITY IN THE SYSTEM.

WITH 89% OF MANITOBA'S BIPOC LIVING IN WINNIPEG, THIS CAN BE CALLED OUT FOR WHAT IT IS: **A RACIST POLICY AND 'ACCOUNTABILITY STRUCTURE' DESIGNED TO SILENCE BIPOC VOICES.**

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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.

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 expulsion 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.

WHAT'S NEXT...

BILL 64

First reading: November 2020

Second reading: November 2021

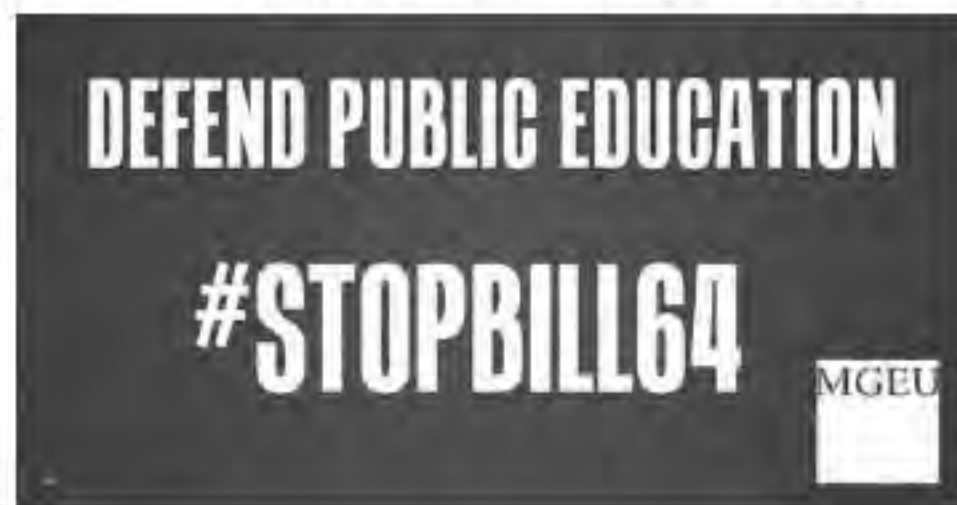
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Register to speak to the Standing Committee on Bill 64

- (204) 945-3636
- 10 minutes virtual speech

- Write to your MLA, Minister of Education, Premier
- Contact MAPC – Coalition on Bill 64
- Talk to your neighbors, friends
- Manitoba School Boards Association: Why should you sign up for 64 - localvoices.ca

LAWN SIGNS



Thank you, Selkirk Record!



FACT vs FICTION

Since the release of the Better Education Starts Today (BEST) strategy and Bill 64, we've seen and heard many misconceptions. To ensure Manitobans have access to the facts, we are continuously responding to commonly asked questions here: bettereducationmb.ca/questions-and-answers/

Below are facts to clarify the most common misconceptions that we've heard.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

FICTION

Bill 64 paves the way for the government to ignore school community consultation when it comes to school closures.

FACT

No schools will be closed as a result of combining existing school divisions into regions. We have committed to building 20 new schools over 10 years. The criteria for school closures remains unchanged as set out in the current Public Schools Act.

POVERTY AND MENTAL HEALTH

FICTION

Bill 64 ignores challenges such as poverty, mental health and additional needs — the things that must be addressed so kids can focus on learning.

The Better Education Starts Today report fails to mention any program to alleviate poverty at the school level.

FACT

Education will continue to work closely with the department of Mental Health, Wellness and Recovery to build upon enhanced mental health programming introduced during the pandemic, in addition to implementing a new mental health and addictions curriculum.

The BEST strategy will establish a taskforce to work with the Poverty Reduction Strategy, to support the implementation of programs that can better address the challenges faced by some students due to poverty.



GAINING MOMENTUM!

FRIENDLY FIRE

BACK TO PACs

Keep the focus on the kids

Role of parents – one voice for ~7,000 students, 38 schools

No superintendent

Bus transportation – PSA eliminated, no language re: length of bus ride

Value of programs

Only “parents”

Classroom funding held by government

Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest, Oath of Confidentiality

Form letters, petitions, webinars/forums, register to speak to the Standing Committee

TALK ABOUT IT

BACK TO RMs

Centralized procurement

Moratorium on school closures lifted – life/death of small communities

Democracy – if the government can do away with one group of elected officials in 36 school divisions, what about 137 municipalities?

Resolutions

BACK TO MLAs

SIX REQUESTS
TO MEET

NO RESPONSE
FROM ED.
MINISTER

**THE CRACKS
STARTED TO
APPEAR...**





CBC Headlines:

“Rural Manitobans stood up to Bill 64”

“Bill opposition ‘a community effort’”

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/bill-64-manitoba-educators-reform-scrapped-1.6162077>

39 RMs

Nine cities/towns,
including the City of
Winnipeg

Fox Lake Cree Nation
and Manitoba
Keewatinowi
Okimakanak Inc.



*Local Voices
Local Choices*

Because schools belong to communities

We encourage all Manitobans to understand the risks involved in removing local democratic accountability from public education.

Below is a list of rural municipalities, town/cities and other local governments that have voiced their opposition to Bill 64.

Rural Municipalities:

- [Alexander](#)
- [Arpyle](#)
- [Armstrong](#)
- [Cartier](#)
- [Cartwright-Roblin](#)
- [Deloraine-Winchester](#)
- [Ellice-Archie](#)
- [Ethelbert](#)
- [Hamiota](#)
- [Grahamdale](#)
- [Grey](#)
- [Fisher](#)
- [Lakeshore](#)
- [Lorne](#)
- [Louise](#)
- [Minto-Edenah](#)
- [Mourey River](#)
- [Norfolk-Trochu](#)
- [North Cypress](#)
- [Langford](#)
- [North Norfolk](#)
- [Piiley](#)
- [Pipestone](#)
- [Prairie View](#)
- [Rhineland](#)
- [Rosburn](#)
- [Rosedale](#)
- [St. Clements](#)
- [Ste. Anne](#)
- [Ste. Rose](#)
- [Stanley](#)
- [Stuartburn](#)
- [Taché](#)
- [Victoria](#)
- [Victoria Beach](#)
- [Wallace-Woodworth](#)
- [West Interlake](#)
- [Woodlands](#)
- [Yellowhead](#)

Towns/Cities:

- [Altona](#)
- [Churchill](#)
- [Durmottar](#)
- [Sainte-Anne](#)
- [Stonewall](#)
- [Teulon](#)
- [St. Pierre-Jolys](#)
- [Winkler](#)
- [Winnipeg](#)

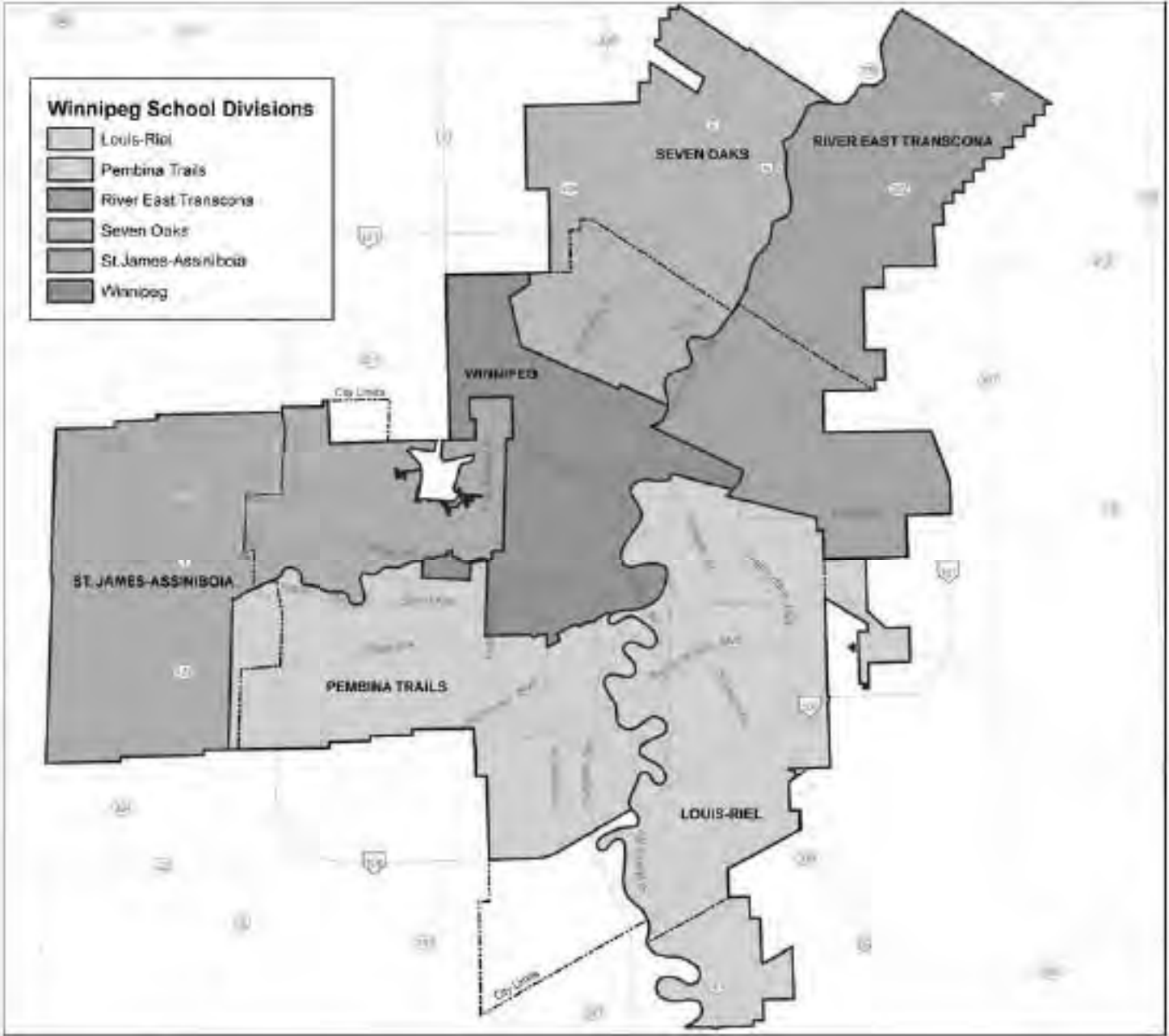
Local Governments of: [Fox Lake Cree Nation and Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc.](#)

POST MORTEM

- Unifying us as a Board, with other Boards across the province
- Relationship with RMs
- Connection with PACs, newspaper
- Able to articulate what we do
- At least one parent is running in the fall election
- One positive thing that's come out of this experience, some say, is that Manitobans appear to be more politically engaged



LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION



OUR SCHOOLS:

	English Program	French Immersion Program
Elementary Schools	21	10
High Schools	5	2
Dual-track Elementary School		1
Technical and Vocational Training	1	
Community Learning Centre	1	
Total	41	

OUR STUDENTS:

	English Program	French Immersion Program
Grades K-8	6,241	4,194
Grades 9-12	2,936	2,053
Total	15,424	

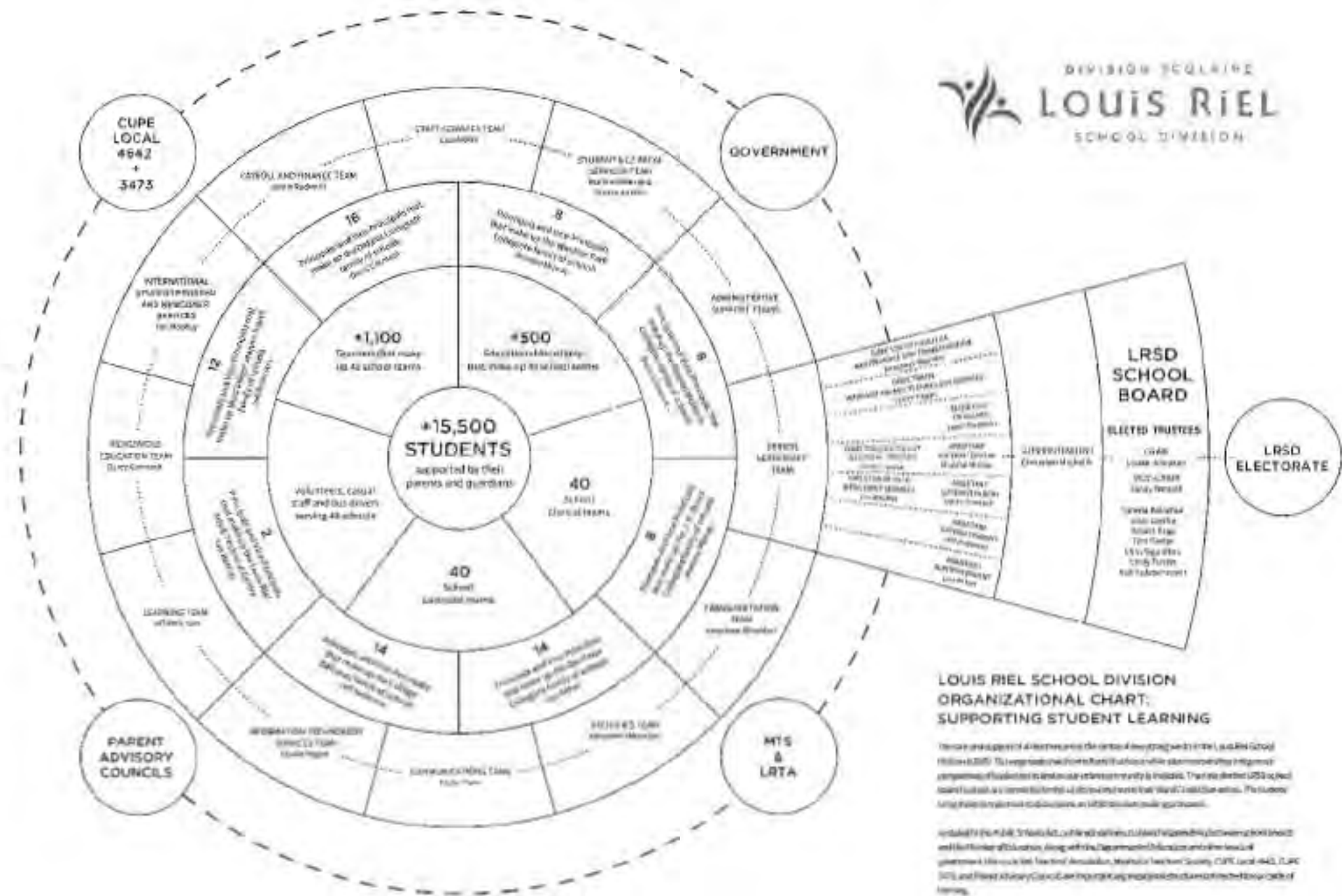
Total staff: 2,106

2022-2023 budget: \$209,308,165.00

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LOUIS RIEL
SCHOOL DIVISION



**LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION
 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART:
 SUPPORTING STUDENT LEARNING**

This chart is a general overview of the organizational structure of the Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) and is not intended to be a legal document. The LRSD is a public school division and is not a government entity. The LRSD is a public school division and is not a government entity. The LRSD is a public school division and is not a government entity.

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LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL BOARD



Invitation to LRSD PACs and interested parents/guardians; information session on Bill 64

March 22, 2021

*Due to an overwhelming response and limited Microsoft Teams capacity, we have included a second session from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on March 23. When you receive your confirmation email, please check whether you are registered for the 7:00 p.m. or 8:00 p.m. session.

There will be a short presentation on the proposed Provincial Education Authority's mandates, the Provincial Advisory Council on Education, and School Community Councils.

Please indicate your intent to attend by sending an e-mail to [Trustee Sandy Nemeth](#) or [Trustee Pamela Kolochuk](#).

In concluding, we offered to attend school-based conversations to share what we knew.

Nordale School

April 12, 2021

Bill 64; The Education Modernization Act





Darwin School Community: Understanding Bill 64

Niakwa Place School

May 4, 2021

Bill 64; The Education Modernization Act

Windsor Park Collegiate

May 6, 2021

Bill 64; The Education Modernization Act

Samuel Burland School

May 11, 2021

Bill 64; The Education
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- ▶ The Bulldogs currently attend school in Louis Riel School Division; **40** schools with a locally elected school board a Superintendent (hired and evaluated by the board who defines their qualifications).
- ▶ Under Bill 64, they will attend school in a region; **247** schools, no school board, one Director of Education appointed by the Provincial Education Authority who will define their qualifications.

► What are people talking about?

1. Responsibility placed on parents
2. Equality vs equity- 'one size fits all' approach
3. Centralization of - decision making
 - procurement of supplies and services
4. Loss of democratically elected representation and oversight
5. Loss of input by community members in running of schools, except for parents/guardians/caregivers
6. Ignoring poverty as a determinant of student success
7. Focus on standardized testing as the way to determine the success of the education system in Manitoba
8. Impact on the high-quality French immersion program in LRSD
9. K-12 review recommendations were ignored
10. Removal of school principals from the teacher's union



OUR COMMITMENT TO
YOU.....

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MARCH 21, 2022

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one of the books I ordered after George Floyd was killed is called "Anti-Racist Baby" by Ibram X. Kendi. It is a list of actions parents can take to teach their kids to be anti-racist. The third point in the book is "Put it in policies as the problem, not people". So, here we go. Let's point at a proposed policy.

It's easy to get lost in all the problematic aspects of Bill 64, especially as a teacher. It becomes a "can't see the forest for the trees" situation. We need to step back and look at the forest.

I'm very concerned about the Provincial Advisory Council on Education (PACE), and I'm going to tell you why you should be, too. This is the body the



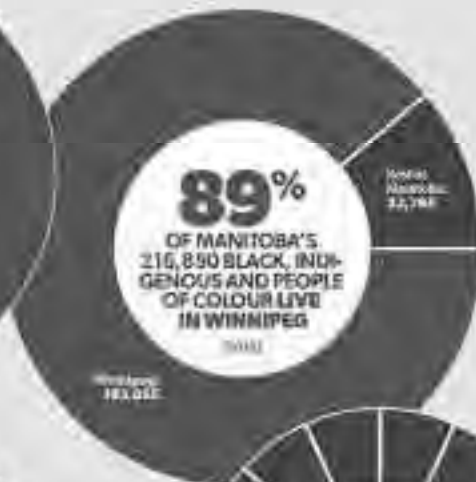
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"Parents have oversight of the system."

- BETTER EDUCATION STARTS TODAY (B.E.S.T.) STRATEGY REPORT



ENROLLMENT (2011)	PURPOSES
2,890	One parent/child per
4,076	First 1000 from each school's capacity
4,457	Open to all parents
4,971	Open to all
4,574	Open to all (including non-residents)
6,520	Open to all (including non-residents)
4,441	Open to all (including non-residents)
1,156	Open to all (including non-residents)
4,441	Open to all (including non-residents)
4,411	Open to all (including non-residents)
6,524	Open to all (including non-residents)
6,219	Open to all (including non-residents)
9,444	Open to all (including non-residents)
13,290	Open to all (including non-residents)
100,348	Winnipeg



EACH PARENT ELECTED FROM A SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL IN THEIR DISTRICT REPRESENTS THE INTERESTS OF STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS IN THE DISTRICT. THE NUMBERS ALONE SIGNAL A GROSS INEQUITY IN THE SYSTEM.

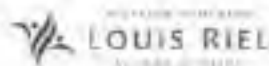
WITH 89% OF MANITOBA'S BIPOC LIVING IN WINNIPEG, THIS CAN BE CALLED OUT FOR WHAT IT IS: A RACIST POLICY AND 'ACCOUNTABILITY STRUCTURE' DESIGNED TO SILENCE BIPOC VOICES.





A Community Conversation about Bill 64: The Education Modernization Act

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May 25

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A Community Conversation about Bill 64: The Education Modernization Act and Its Four Pillar Strategy

About this event

The Louis Riel School Division (LRSO) Board of Trustees is hosting a virtual conversation to help our community understand and consider the implications of the proposed Bill 64, The Education Modernization Act and its four pillar strategy on Tuesday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m. If you have specific questions about Bill 64, please submit them here so the presentation can be built accordingly.

Dr. John R. Wiens, dean emeritus at the faculty of education at the University of Manitoba, will present a 15-minute keynote speech to kick off the evening. The remainder of the event will be spent discussing and answering your questions about Bill 64.

Date and time

Tue, May 25, 2021
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM CDT

Location

Online event



Louis Riel School Board @LRSDschoolboard · May 23, 2021

We've surpassed 700 registrants for our community conversation on Bill 64 taking place this Tuesday, May 25. If you want to attend and haven't registered there's no time like the present!



A Community Conversation about Bill 64: The Education Modernization Act

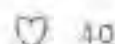
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Reform bill offers teachable moment

Not appropriate to discuss government policy in classrooms, says education minister



Local (journalism) feature reporter @ Maggie Muszkowski
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A Community Conversation on Bill 64 and its Four Pillar Strategy



Community Conversation on Bill 64: The Education Modernization Act

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"We don't think - I think many parents would agree - that the classroom is an appropriate place to discuss government policy and specific proposed legislation."

—Education Minister Cliff Cullen

Bill fair game for student discussion

Re: Reform bill offers teachable moment (May 27) and Steinbach school issues gag order to teachers (May 26)

Oh, if only the perpetrators of Bill 64 were not impervious to teachable moments. The minister of education ought to know better than to equate the high school unit on democracy exploring Bill 64 with partisan politics.

The Windsor Park Collegiate teachers are to be **applauded for bringing the study of democracy to life by encouraging students to research, think critically, analyze media reports, interview stakeholders and influencers, seek details, data, proof of claims and ask questions of elected officials before crystalizing their own thinking. These are called 21st-century skills.**

Shame on Education Minister Cliff Cullen and his conservative henchmen.

And shame on the cowardly administrators in Steinbach who gagged their teachers regarding COVID-19 vaccine consent.

The outdated idea that students should sit passively and obediently accept "safe" content bereft of immediacy or relevance is anti-democratic. Underestimate and insult the citizens of tomorrow at your peril.

Arpena Babaian, Winnipeg

Education Minister Cliff Cullen's response to the learning activity at Windsor Park Collegiate is indicative of this **government's lack of understanding regarding teaching practice, authentic learning activities and the purpose of public education.** The teachers at Windsor Park crafted a learning experience that is relevant, of high interest and fosters critical thinking practices. Our education minister has dismissed the learning activity and student effort as being "partisan politics" while Progressive Conservatives declined to provide students with their rationale and defence of the contentious education reform Bill 64.

Not only does the minister's opinion reveal a tremendous lack of understanding regarding quality learning experiences, it provides Manitobans with a clear understanding of the government's stance on education and their notion of education reform; **cultivate students who blindly follow, accept direction without question and concentrate on matters the government deems relevant.**

That is not the modernization of education. That is truly partisan politics. And our children deserve much better than that antiquated notion of public education.

Keith Morrison, Winnipeg

It's heartening to read about students and staff at Windsor Park Collegiate sharing their plans to examine the proposed Bill 64 legislation that is intended to restructure public schools. I extend congratulations to the teachers and students for bringing a topic to life in a way that **engages learners** and involves members from community at large.

Although it's regrettable that no one from the Progressive Conservative government is willing to speak to students, it's not surprising. What is more surprising is the comment from the minister of education, Cliff Cullen. "We don't think — I think many parents would agree — that the classroom is an appropriate place to discuss government policy and specific proposed legislation..."

The minister must not have read his own department's document. In perusing the BEST document on the government's website, **one of the four pillars of the initiative is called Future Ready Students**. In preparing students for the future, the plan includes provisions to "engage students and build competencies for lifelong success."

I humbly suggest that Cullen examine the BEST plan to reacquaint himself with the tenets of his own government's project to transform education in Manitoba.

Fortunately, the students appear to have raised some very worthy questions for discussion of the proposed legislation. They appear engaged and **have a right as future voters to learn the basic skills of citizenship and to question elected officials about legislation**.

The minister's suggestion that students could voice their concerns through a student advisory council is risible. Like the "Engage" consultations that the government uses to provide an outlet for the public to respond to questions on various initiatives, the student advisory council would provide the illusion of participation with no obligation that the cabinet would be bound to consider or heed the feedback provided.

Cullen should consent to speak with the students. In refusing to do so, he only adds to the growing concern over the provisions of Bill 64.

Donald Teel, Winnipeg



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May 28, 2021

Dear Students, Staff, Parents and Caregivers:

As you know, the Manitoba government is proposing massive changes to the way education will be structured, funded and delivered. These proposed changes are outlined in Bill 64 and the "Better Education Starts Today" documents which can be found at www.bettereducation.mb.ca

This week, grade 9 students from Windsor Park Collegiate publicly shared their views on the proposed Bill 64 legislation at a virtual town hall. In class, students were encouraged to critically analyze news articles and opinion pieces, consider the views of guest speakers and write a persuasive essay assignment about Bill 64. The Minister of Education, Mr. Cliff Cullen declined to participate, stating "We don't think – I think many parents would agree – that the classroom is an appropriate place to discuss government policy and specific proposed legislation" (Winnipeg Free Press, May 27, 2021).

In Evergreen, our vision is *Learning Today to Improve Tomorrow*. We believe that our classrooms are *exactly* the places where students should learn about policies and legislation. Our students are interested and have the right to know about matters that will affect them. Our students are capable of analysis, determining their *own* point of view, and are eager to share their unique insights about what matters in schools.

We are intentional in pursuit of our mission statement to *engage students in learning to become contributing citizens of a democratic society*. Teachers encourage dialogue that will inspire students to be invested in the communities in which they live. The Division affirms its commitment to the curricular outcomes in social studies and other courses that ask students to think critically about current and past legislation and its impact on society.

We would invite teachers and students to share examples of teaching and learning that is emblematic of this important part of the Manitoba curriculum and mission of Evergreen School Division.

Yours in education,

Roza Gray
Superintendent

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It's incumbent upon us to understand Bill 64

By [Liz McMillan](#)
11:03 AM CDT Wednesday, March 12, 2014

On March 15, the long-awaited release of the review of K-12 education in Manitoba arrived in the form of Bill 64 - The Education Modernization Act.

While the review itself contains many recommendations reflective of the comprehensive consultation that took place, there is general agreement that very few made it into Bill 64.

Rather, what is proposed has been described as a complete, and some say radical, overhaul of the entire public education system including the centralization of decision making and putting the governance and oversight of the system directly and solely in the hands of parents.

Bettereducationmb.ca houses the complete inventory of all Department of Education documents, plans and reporting related to Bill 64. At the time of writing, strategy advisory groups have been, or will be, established under the headings of: Teachers' Idea Fund; Student Advisory Council; Curriculum Advisory Panel; Funding Review Team; Minister's Advisory Council of Inclusive Education; Taskforce of Poverty and Education; Indigenous Inclusion Directorate Advisory Council; and an Attendance Task Force.

Not surprisingly, release of the bill has compelled a significant amount of conversation. Stakeholder organizations and groups are sharing their perspectives and thoughts about the implications of the bill. Social media, as it often is, is rife with colourful commentary alongside necessary insight and perspective.

Also not surprising is that most people are unaware of the who, what, when, where, why and how of Bill 64 and what it sets out to accomplish.

There is a need for everyone to understand how things may change for parents, for example, under the proposed move to school community councils. Schools in River Park South, indeed the entire Louis Riel School Division, will become part of a new education region that encompasses the entire geography of Winnipeg, and the 247 schools within.

Why is engagement on Bill 64 important?

Because schools belong to communities. Our children and grandchildren attend them. Our neighbours work in them. Our neighbourhoods contribute resources so they can operate. We all have a voice, and it needs to be heard because each of us rely on the success of our public school system.

I urge you to inform yourself about the content of Bill 64 and what the passing of this bill may mean for your family and your community.

As students, parents, families, grandparents, business owners, and citizens it is incumbent on all of us to understand, and engage with, a rearrangement of education the likes of which we have not seen in a hundred years.

Province should not eliminate school trustees



By Bob K. Brown, Community Review Columnist
Published: 2:48 PM CDT on Monday, June 5, 2021

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Hey there, time traveller!

This article was published 2/6/2021 (3/1 days ago), so information or it may no longer be current.

In previous years (on city council), I have commented on the actions of the provincial government. Sometimes people agree with this, and sometimes people tell me my job is not to meddle in provincial affairs. I understand both points of view.

However, because I was once a school trustee at Brandon, I do want to publicly state my view that the provincial government should not proceed with its plan (Bill 64) to get rid of all the province's elected school trustees.

I cannot speak to the work of trustees in other parts of the city but in my experience the trustees of the Louis Riel School Division have been terrific to work with. LRSD has had a "can-do" attitude when it comes to building projects in conjunction with my office over the past 10 years.

Bill 64 will have an impact on Manitoba seniors

By Tom Parker

As a school trustee, I am regularly asked questions about Bill 64, The Education Modernization Act. Many questions come from the senior residents of the apartment complex where I reside, who incorrectly believe that Bill 64 will have no impact on their lives.

Bill 64 will drastically change our public education system in many ways. For example, seniors will not be considered as part of the education community. Only parents or guardians of children enrolled in a local school will have a voice in how schools are run. We may be grandparents or a great grand-parents, but our knowledge and experience are not seen as useful by this government.

Local taxation by school divisions will end, but we will all still pay taxes to the province to be used to fund the costs of education. This move to taxation without representation in decision making does not sit well with many.

Local taxation has been an important source of funds which allowed school divisions to add programs unique to their communities, and that our communities needed, wanted, and actively lobbied for. In Louis Riel School Division for example, several programs related to mitigating the effects of poverty on student success are active and successful. Programs that support Indigenous students and families, provide extra staff to support students with special needs, and open-

ing Family Centres in schools where there is a community need play key roles and are the result of a response to local needs.

Critics of Bill 64 and the 'Better Education Starts Today (BEST) Strategy', including respected current and former educational leaders, have spoken out about the important link between the impact of poverty on student success. The research on this topic is rock-solid and yet Bill 64 fails to acknowledge this key point. It is worth pointing out that Manitoba has the highest poverty rates in the country.

Why is the Minister of Education making this huge change at the same time we are still managing Covid-19 challenges? Minister Cliff Cullen has made no secret of the fact there is a desire to see an increase on the scores of Manitoba students on standardized tests. Using standardized testing to assess student success and the success of our education system does us all a disservice. As a former teacher and school principal I know testing takes time away from opportunities to encourage conversation, learning and critical thinking on current issues such as climate change, racism, equity for all and building a better society.

Under Bill 64, 37 school divisions and school boards will be eliminated and replaced by 15 education regions. Each region will have one parent representative on the Provincial Advisory Council on Education. Each

region will have to choose one person to represent them; in Winnipeg, that is one parent from those of over 100,000 students. The government frames this as a way to ensure representation of parents in the education system. However, the truth is that parent voice will be advisory in nature only, and all decisions will be made by those who are appointed by the government. The Premier, his education minister, and their appointees will be the ones who will operate and oversee the public education system.

Democracy will be removed from our school system because there will no longer be locally elected school trustees representing communities on local school boards. All decisions, for schools from Boissevain to Churchill, will be made at the legislative building on Broadway Avenue in Winnipeg.

'Efficiency' is a key word used repeatedly in the government plan. They state that being efficient will save time and money. Can they achieve this goal? Will the plan be effective? They had similar goals for our health care system. They were going to make it efficient and save time and money. I will leave it to you to decide whether it was effective.

Learn about Bill 64 and draw your own conclusions: www.localvoices.ca and www.bettereducationmb.ca are two places to start.

Tom Parker is a Trustee on the Louis Riel School Board in Winnipeg. For more information, email tom.parker@lrsd.net. ■



Student opportunities will disappear with Bill 64

By Sandy Narnoth

Posted: 12:40 PM CDT Wednesday, Sep. 1, 2021

If you are on Facebook or Twitter, you may have noticed that the Louis Riel School Board (LRSD Community Information on Bill 64 on Facebook and @LRSDschoolboard on Twitter) is highlighting 64 of the programs offered in the Louis Riel School Division. (There are significantly more than 64, by the way.)

In all the angst and nervousness around what Bill 64: The Education Modernization Act could mean for public education in Manitoba, and as we continue to navigate a global pandemic, it's important to remind ourselves of the investments that ensure our students are engaged and successful through their kindergarten to Grade 12 journey.

Career planning in LRSD is supported by our Career Internship Program, myBlueprint and Propel along with a variety of options and experiences for career exploration including (but certainly not limited to) the Youth BIOlab partnership with St. Boniface Hospital.

In addition to a growing French immersion program, which includes Grade 4 middle immersion, LRSD students can learn Spanish and Ojibwe. If you believe, as poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow did, that music is the universal language of all mankind, then the choice to participate in choral, choir, band, ensemble, guitar, jazz, vocal jazz, musical theatre, and technical music production must be highlighted, too.

Partnering with Microsoft has meant incredible opportunities for our students and for data informed decision making by the board and senior leadership team. ThoughtExchange, Power BI, our Data Discovery Dashboard, and Minecraft Education Edition: Manito Ahbee Aki have been game changers.

Family centres, summer learning programs, Junior Achievement, Boys and Girls Club, LRSD TV, the international student program, powwow club, Soundtrap, cultural exchange opportunities, e-sports and ECHO are just a few more of the more than 64.

I'm sure the relevance of pointing to 64 programs and opportunities is obvious. With a move from 37 locally elected school boards to one appointed provincial education authority, and decision-making for the entire education system centralized to one location on Broadway, alarm bells are ringing over how long these programs will continue to exist if Bill 64 is passed into legislation.

If you attended LRSD's community forum on May 25, you will have heard respected educator Dr. John Weins state emphatically that "centralized systems are very intolerant of anything that looks different in one place than from another."

With local identity and autonomy stifled if the bill passes, these programs (among others) are going to disappear over time. That is a massive step backward and does our students a great disservice.



LRSD community information on Bill 64



April 17, 2021 · 🌐

Welcome to our community page where you will find up to date and factual information related to Bill 64, The Education Modernization Act.

This page is managed by the Louis Riel School Board.

<https://www.lrsd.net/SchoolBoard/Trustees/Pages/default.aspx>

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Louis Riel School Division

2,444

People reached

131

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"Bill 64 abolishes all school divisions in favour of a single, unelected and unaccountable education authority."

"When Winnipeg moved to code red last fall, Seven Oaks School Division established a remote-learning option for 600 students within a week. The province opened its remote-learning centre months later, with a budget of \$10 million, to serve 600 students."

APRIL 23, 2021

Did you know...

In reference to the oversight of public education in our province, Manitoba's education reform plan document contains the following statement: "With the eventual phase out of education taxes, as well as the move towards central bargaining, this complex system is no longer necessary."

The job of a school board is not to levy taxes, it's to ensure the needs of local communities are known, addressed and supported within the public school system so students have what they need to succeed.

Further, B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Ontario all have central bargaining, they do not levy taxes, and they have retained oversight through elected school boards.



LRSD community information on Bill 64



May 1, 2021

"Our students are at or near the bottom of national and international rankings." Minister of Education, Cliff Cullen

Perspective:

- the difference between 'first' and 'last' place scores is miniscule
- Canada is one of the best performing nations in the world among English speaking countries- and Manitoba students contribute to that performance.
- in reading, math and science, 8 out of 10 Manitoba students meet or exceed expectations. Similarly, in every other province in Canada, 8 out of 10 students meet or exceed expectations.

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People reached

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May 3, 2021 · 🌐

OPINION: The cost of losing school trustees

John R. Wiens; Winnipeg Free Press, May 3, 2021

OUR provincial government has taken the stance that eliminating school boards is a win-win situation for education, parents, local communities and schools. Like many of their claims in the BEST ("Better Education Starts Today") document in support of Bill 64, this one is based on outright ignorance, incomplete "truth... [See more](#)



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LRSD community information on Bill 64



May 16, 2021



The cost of a school engagement officer (SEO).....

Scott Durling (Twitter @scottdurlingMB) has done some math and estimates the salary of an SEO for his school division to be \$18,750 per school. per year. He uses the salary of a teacher making \$75,000.00 per year, with 1/4 of their time allocated to SEO work.

- with 26 schools in his division that is \$478, 500.00 per year
- for 40 schools in Louis Riel SD that is \$750,000.00 per year
- for 247 schools in Winnipeg region that is \$4.6M+ per year
- for 814 schools in Manitoba that is \$15.25M per year



LRSD community information on Bill 64



July 13, 2021 · 🌐

In a letter to Audrey Gordon, Janice Morley Lecomte, Andrew Smith and Rochelle Squires, dated June 24, 2021, the board once again requested a meeting to share our concerns, and those of our community, related to Bill 64. We have not received a response.

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Close to 500 lawn signs have been delivered across the LRSD community to residents opposed to Bill 64.





Signs of the times?

I woke up Sunday morning to see my sign protesting Bill 64 was missing.

A quick glance up the street confirmed that my neighbours' signs in the same block had also been removed.

All I could do was smile. Keep up the pressure — it's working.

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Replying to @LRSDschoolboard

Informed by conversations with residents, parents, teachers, staff, and administration the board has taken the official position that Bill 64 must be withdrawn or defeated, and has communicated this to all seven MLAs elected to serve within @louis_riel_sd.



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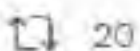
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Our repeated invitations to meet and outline our concerns about Bill 64 have gone unanswered by @AudreyGordonMB @JaniceMLPCSeine @smithAlag and @MLASquires



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July 22, 2021

Winnipeg City Council passed a motion today, 11-4, to officially oppose Bill 64. Three of the councilors who serve in LRSD, Brian Mayes Markus Chambers and Matt Allard voted in favour, along with Councilors Santos, Gilroy, Rollins, Orlikow, Schreyer, Gillingham, Eadie and Mayor Bowman.

"Mayor Brian Bowman said he's concerned the elimination of school boards would amount to an "attack" on local democracy."

" I really don't see how this is a city council issue in the slightest. When talking to the public, I never hear people saying: 'We need more government, we need more politicians,'" said Browaty."

 **LRSD community information on Bill 64**

August 3, 2021

It is believed that second reading of Bill 64 will be October 7, which is 64 days from tomorrow. What better countdown than to highlight, each day, one of the many programs, services and opportunities offered by Louis Riel School Division that support student engagement and success.

The needs of communities across Manitoba are as unique as the communities themselves. Responding to those needs is what school boards and senior division leadership work together to do.

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'64 on 64'



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The needs of communities across MB are as unique as the communities themselves. Responding to those needs is what school boards do. Starting tomorrow, we're highlighting 64 of the many programs & services in @louis_riel_sd that support our flourishing community.

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#1 of 64. A unique project based learning program housed at @nmcLRSD, Propel places a high degree of emphasis on The Conference Board of Canada "Employability Skills," defined as those required to "enter, stay in, and progress" in today's world.



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"These skills include communication, problem solving, positive attitudes and behaviours, adaptability, working with others, and science, technology and mathematics skills".

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With self-directed learning, critical thinking, collaboration, and establishing connections as hallmarks of Propel, this award winning program is one of more than 64 reasons to celebrate the flourishing community that is @louis_riel_sd.
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September 1, 2021 · 🌐

#29 of 64 News today that Bill 64 will be withdrawn from the order paper for the fall session of the Legislature and left to the new leader of the PC Party and Premier to decide if it will be reintroduced in the future. No second reading and no committee presentations this year. It's not dead yet, but it's close. And that's reason enough to celebrate. In Louis Riel School Division students, parents, teachers, staff, administrators, trustees, and community members were vocal in their opposition to the Bill.

We were united in our advocacy and message that it was bad for kids and families, bad for our community, and bad for our Province. This is #ourlrzd. And together we are 1,000s of the more than 64 reasons to celebrate the flourishing community that is Louis Riel School Division.

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#64 of 64 Every single student in LRSD will spend time in their school library, those vibrant learning environments that inspire curiosity, inquiry, and discovery. School libraries change lives because they are the great equalizer.



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Everyone belongs and access to material is unconditional. Books, maps, resources.....everything and anything a student needs to gather information, inform an opinion, or journey to a place where adventure awaits at the turn of a page.



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Our libraries have a critical role to play in engaging and supporting students and staff in both literacy and learning- which makes them one of the more than 64 reasons to celebrate the flourishing community of @louis_riel_sd.



Not long after freshly minted interim Premier Kelvin Goertzen was sworn in Wednesday, he announced five contentious bills — including 64 — that were delayed in the spring would be thrown out so a new leader can start with a blank legislative agenda.

Alan Campbell, president of the school board association, said he slept well Wednesday night for the first time in a long time.

"It's very good news," said Campbell, a trustee in the Interlake, "but at the end of the day, **we have to rebuild our relationship with the government that tried to eliminate us.**"

October 6, 2021, the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba withdrew Bill 64, The Education Modernization Act.

**Legislative Assembly of Manitoba
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**Presenters Registered to Speak to Bills
Intervenants inscrits pour présenter des exposés**

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Bill Number Projet de loi	Bill Title Titre	Presenters Intervenants	Out of Town Extérieur de la ville
16	The Labour Relations Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les relations du travail	94	30
16	The Public Utilities Ratepayer Protection and Regulatory Reform Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la protection des contribuables et la réforme réglementaire en matière de services publics (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)	11	3
40	The Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation Amendment and Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société manitobaine des alcools et des loteries et la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis	6	4
57	The Protection of Critical Infrastructure Act/Loi sur la protection de l'infrastructure essentielle	21	2
59	The Police Services Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services de police	3	0
64	The Education Modernization Act/Loi sur la modernisation de l'éducation	117	184



Manitoba's new road map for K-12 schooling **abandons plans** to downsize the province's 37 public school boards, adjust the trustee governance model, and remove principals from the teacher's union.

The action plan details how Manitoba will respond to all but three of the 75 recommendations put forward by the K-12 commission in its 2020 report, a document that was released alongside the now-defunct Bill 64 and the Better Education Starts Today strategy in March 2021.

"The provincial government appears ready to move forward in a co-governance partnership with school boards, which is exactly how it should be," said Alan Campbell, president of the Manitoba School Boards Association.

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- Unified us as a board
- Solidarity with other boards across the province
- Relationship with MLAs
- Connection with parents
- Must be able to explain our role. All eyes are on school boards.
- Manitobans appear to be more politically engaged; ensure the investment is sustained and they feel their efforts were worth it related to preserving democratically elected school boards
- Fall 2022 election



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QUESTIONS?



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