

The Manitoba government has commenced a review of Manitoba's education system and **you can participate to help influence the future of education in Manitoba!**

The purpose of the Manitoba Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education is to “carry out an independent review of the province’s K to 12 education system. Its goal will be improving outcomes for students, ensuring long-term sustainability and enhancing public confidence in our education system.”

The commission will focus on:

- **A long-term vision** – Given how rapidly the world is changing, what should our goals and purpose be for Kindergarten to Grade 12 education?
- **Student learning** – How do we help our students achieve excellence?
- **Teaching** – How can we help teachers and school leaders to achieve better outcomes?
- **Accountability for student learning** – How do we develop a stronger sense of shared accountability for student learning and an understanding that every member of the education team (e.g., principals, teachers, support staff, maintenance staff, bus drivers, administration staff) has an important role to play?
- **Governance** – What governance structures do we need to put in place to make our education system more relevant and better coordinated?
- **Funding** – How do we ensure that our education system is sustainable, and that it provides equitable learning opportunities for students of all ages?

Two matters which may be under consideration in this review are:

1. **The large-scale amalgamation of the current 37 elected school boards in our province.**
2. **The possible move to appointed, rather than elected school boards.**

School boards are our grassroots and they have the pulse of the community. Either of these changes would severely undermine the ability of the communities to shape their local schools. Together both of these matters could silence the community's voice in education completely.

I encourage you to participate in the review in whatever way you can. As a citizen of Manitoba, a key stakeholder in education, your voice in the review is important.

There are several ways you can participate in the discussion / consultation:

- Complete an online survey to provide input on education issues that are important to you; there is one survey available for the general public and one specifically for teachers at:
- <https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/educationreview/consultation.html>

- Email, fax or mail a written submission to the commission **by May 30, 2019.**; this submission should follow the guidelines available online at:

<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/educationreview/submissions.html>

- Attend an interactive public meeting to engage in conversation around the review's six areas of focus in an informal atmosphere that encourages open discussion and community dialogue; find information about locations and dates below and at: <https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/educationreview/consultation.html> or call 204-945-4135 or toll free at 877-491-2657

There will be an Interactive Public Workshop in Brandon on May 9, 2019 at the Clarion Hotel & Suites. You will need to register to attend this workshop.

Thank you for your attention and anticipated participation in the K-12 Education Review!

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