

MANITOBA K-12 EDUCATION REVIEW

In January 2019, the Manitoba government announced a nine-member Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12 education to conduct a comprehensive review of the province’s kindergarten to Grade 12 system. The commission’s mandate was broad, focusing on improving student outcomes, closing achievement gaps, creating long-term sustainability and enhancing public confidence. The review was intended to create an education system to elevate Manitoba to the most improved education system in Canada.

The Commission on K-12 Education Report, *Our Children’s Success: Manitoba’s Future*, was received in March 2020. The 75 recommendations of the commission represent the most extensive reformation of Manitoba’s kindergarten to Grade 12 education system in decades.

Based on these findings and learnings from COVID-19, the Manitoba government is introducing substantive changes to the education system in Manitoba. The vision is for all Manitoba students to succeed, no matter where they live, their background or their individual circumstances. The success of Manitoba’s students will continue post-graduation as they move into further education, enter the labour force, and begin to build lives and livelihoods as adults here in Manitoba. Within the next five years, the province’s goal is to ensure students have the most improved performance in Canada.

The province share the commission’s optimism for improvement in student achievement and for the future of education in this province. Some of the key priority actions the province will start with include:

1. Strengthen curriculum implementation and classroom learning.
2. Focus on higher achievement, engagement and pathways for the future for all students and close the achievement gap for Indigenous students.
3. Increase supports to teachers, staff and school leaders with improved professional learning, targeted recruitment and retention planning, and enhanced classroom supports.
4. Implement new provincial assessments (grades 3 or 4, 6 or 7, and 10), with school-level data, along with greater use of provincial report cards.
5. Engage parents and caregivers through local School Community Councils and a Provincial Advisory Council on Education, and students through a Student Advisory Council.
6. Unify 37 school boards into 15 regions within the new Provincial Education Authority and a separate Francophone division (DSFM).
7. Develop a new provincial funding model that is fair, transparent and sustainable.

8. Enhance mental health and well-being for students, teachers and school staff.
9. Ensure timely assessment, learning supports and clinical services for students with special learning needs and newcomer students.
10. Enhance access to and supports for STEAM (science technology, engineering, arts and math), workforce training and apprenticeship programs.
11. Prioritize French and French Immersion education through improved curricula and increased programming options.
12. Enhance access to high-quality remote learning including a provincial online high school and continued learning at home supports for kindergarten to Grade 8.

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