

If you would increase or decrease education's investments, what would you change?

Responses

the province should pay for 100 per cent of education, full stop. take away school board's ability to tax and pay the whole shot. if you have to raise the pst do it. better we all pay for education then only home owners/businesses. there is only ONE tax payer and we're getting hit with increases from multiple levels of government.

Allow universities to raise tuition to market rates, focus on building skills for the future, eliminate/merge duplicate programs

Don't spend it on unnecessary upgrades on schools.

Increase money to post secondary education. University/college is too expensive for lower income families.

It seems fine but there is not enough "real life" preparation in schools.

Children are the future. In my opinion the most important role a government can play is in education. a well educated population will require far less from the government when they are adults

Early retirement plans for all education faculty, from teachers to university profs. Save money and increase productivity. But the impetus must come from the government.

Hire more school counsellors, literacy, and resource personnel. Change teacher education to a rigorous apprenticeship system. (I am a new teacher and teacher Ed is inefficient)

Trim overhead and upper level positions. Overhaul existing structure to redirect more of the funds to students.

Post secondary Tuition has not decreased, in fact it has increased substantially (since the Pallister government has been in power). The burden of paying for university should not fall on university students who face growing yearly debts. Investing in education is investing in Manitoba for the long run.

1. Manitoba Teachers are the highest paid in North America. Freeze salaries required.

2. Emulate Alberta. One school division. Secretary treasurers actually believe they're C.E.O.s

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Teachers earn too much for the limited time a year they work. There are too many duplicate positions in intra division posts. There are too many half empty English only schools that are being paid for for nothing. Make the educational system mandatory bilingual and put those empty schools out of their misery. 108 million wouldn't be hard to come up with if many of these things were looked at.

increase education transfers to school boards on a 80%/20% split with the province paying 80% of school boards budgets

I would tell school divisions to look for efficiency within. Consolidate Divisions, Schools and programs, reduce administrative staff and special interest programming. Look for partnerships with local businesses and sell naming rights to schools.

K to 12: Spend less money on small class sizes and more on special education supports such as reading recovery; cut school division administration to lower school division taxes paid by property owners, have fewer board members if necessary. Post-secondary: Allow universities and colleges to raise tuition fees at least somewhat, cut funding and tenured positions, level off senior admin salaries (president, VPs) and aggressively go after graduates who don't repay student loans.

make one school division for the city of WPG and cut all duplicated fat jobs. Maintain the child/teacher ratios. By cutting fat jobs you maintain the ability to support educators

Consolidate School Divisions

Dissolve School Boards. Freeze salaries. Increase class sizes.

Trim the fat. Management.

reduce class sizes. Offer more tutoring and after school programming for free.

As mentioned before - invest in training in early years. Also invest in early intervention for reversing high risk / reversible damaged members of our society, because if we remediate issues early, cost is short term, instead of lifetime.

I would not add more funding to K-12 schools. Enough has been spent and results do not improve with more money. However, money spent on training for adults, especially to prepare them and train them to be better workers does improve the workforce and has a much better track record of success. Plus, getting more people better trained to be working means more workers will have better stability and will be contributing more to the tax pool on a reliable basis.

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Cancel government funding for apprenticeship schooling, make school board positions volunteer, stop building schools that look pretty with Windows everywhere, make government buildings cheaper and more functional.

Freeze teachers and EA salaries. Privatize janitorial and maintenance work. Cancel all school food programs. Even IA provides enough money to feed your child.

Invest massively in inner city schools. Fund indigenous language programs.

I am not recommending reducing the people or resources whom actually spend time face to face with children everyday. By simply eliminating the multiple layers of people in offices not educating children a huge portion of the budget can be saved.

I would change collective bargaining for teachers, settlements have been out of step with other public sector agreements. Give them the right to strike and have one table, not division against division. I would also do away with the 20 student max on K-3 class sizes. Research shows very little benefit from this program but the costs are huge.

quite changing the curriculum and adding nonsense tests that only make politicians look like they are doing something. teachers know how kids are doing they don't need standardized tests to tell them that

Reduce funding to post secondary. They are physically overbuilt institutions - online/in person mixed instruction is cheaper and way of the future.

combine school divisions, to much administration. we don't need 6 school divisions in wpg

get education off of the property tax system and generate a more fair and equal revenue source. trades are paying better than professions and yet cost very little to complete and yet offer practicum programs to pay your way through - no need to subsidize this any longer.

MAINTAIN SAME FUNDING BUT USE MORE OF THAT MONEY FOR ELEMENTARY LEVEL SCHOOL. GOOD BASICS IN LIFE ARE THE FOUNDATION FOR THE REST OF ACADEMIC LIFE

Again. Wasteful, ineffective administration needs to be cut.

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Education is a societies best investment as a hedge against rising health care costs. Higher educated people live longer, pay more in taxes and overall are healthier costing the health care system less. Educate!

Why don't you to other European country and see how it should be done.

Restructure school division administration, we don't need a dozen school divisions with over paid bureaucrats, when it's the province that sets the curriculum.

Too much money spend in School Boards. Combine for efficiency.

Increase university and college tuition 100 per cent.

Educating the future- offer trades rebates and trades programs. Keep the workers in manitoba

Reduce funding equally across the board. Pressure Winnipeg to reduce its school boards to one. Standardize curriculum. Reduce administration.

Maintain frontline costs and cut beurocracy, again focus on small sacibgs throughout, starting with the "if you don't spend it you lose it" current funding model

Same as health care, someone needs to find efficiencies with Education. Just because education is also considered core item, doesn't mean they forego the same scrutiny as everyone else which seems to be the case. They should not be exempt. Trim some fat.

More support for low income students to stay in school and access post-secondary. Results in less program costs down the road (welfare) and a stronger economy / better skills in the workforce.

Homeschooled children should be funded equivalently to what schools get for each child that goes to school. Schools should focus on Science, Math and Reading.

Students need good teachers, math knowledge in this province is an embarrassment. Spending more money in technology won't improve their skills. Also the overall program up to grade 12 is really light compared to what I had in France.

Get rid of defined benefits pensions as it is unfair and unsustainable compares to private sector.

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education needs an overhaul.. Diverse teaching methods are needed for different learning types. I feel high school should be scrapped and kids need to be given a reality check, sent... carefully... out in the working world. instead of wasting time with personal wasteful issues. Let the kids EARN the right to return to high school. We give them so much and they mostly feel entitled to everything. Some kids do well in school, but most should be out learning Life skills.. Just my thoughts.

Administration eats up far too much money on all levels...Amalgamate school boards. The participation in school board elections suggest there is not really close community engagement, and they cost too much for little benefit. Amalgamation would also allow students greater access to a larger diversity of programs. Certainly, there is no reason not to have a single school board for Winnipeg.

Reduce the operating grants to universities, and allow them to raise tuition rates. The current cost of tuition is so low that the universities have little incentive to make quality of teaching a priority--thus, large first year classes, which all evidence show are ineffective ways of teaching--and students even do not value their classes much.

Given that no Manitoba university is a top-50 world university, consider switching the central operating grants in the universities to scholarship grants that Manitoba students can hold anywhere in the world. This might force the universities to raise the quality of their teaching, and provide opportunities for more Manitobans to excel.

Redirect money to core areas and cut back on programs that do not have any direct effect on education only.

province to take over teacher salary negotiations.

Reduction by 20% to the unrealistic salaries teachers get

Once more we have a top heavy Bureaucratic system. Merge or eliminate school boards

It would be very interesting to break down the expenditures associated with education... I would be shocked if there were not hidden wasteful practices.

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Any training for teachers should be on their own time and at their expense. I have worked in...and any education upgrade costs came from my pocket although my upgraded education was reimbursed upon successful completion.

Consolidate and drastically reduce school boards. This would eliminate so much duplication. Less school board members will not result in fewer resources for students. Spend the money on the front lines, not in the boardroom.

Increase funding and support to apprenticeships and trades training opportunities.

I would remove the tuition freeze, which is basically a subsidy for the high proportion of students from affluent backgrounds. Next, I would increase the number of bursaries for the less affluent. As well, I would end the moratorium on school closures. Also, I would eliminate the education tax on property and replace it with increased income taxes

sell off crown corporations and regulate them . Pay off debt.

stop buying ipads for everyone. I believe there are significant places that could be cut.

Freeze. Allow small schools to close. Time to merge school divisions to achieve administrative savings and to standardize/improve education. Salaries/benefits of collective agreements must reflect conditions of broader economy.

streamline the structures and bureaucracies/salaries. Keep frontline workers and services but efficiency and innovation should be increased.

Closer examination of the school tax structure and better cost control as it relates to salary, programming, etc.

Freeze teacher salaries, fewer PD days

Education costs are out of control. I would only have 1 public school board for Winnipeg and increase class sizes slightly. Also, in the long run I would remove education from property tax and have all education funding come from provincial taxes (at that point I may increase the amount going to education). Schools should also improve efforts to reduce energy use and improve conservation.

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Same as Health - Poor performance by schools indicates that the Administration should be reduced today and future increases tied to performance goals. School Boards should not be determining or negotiating teacher salary this should be consistent across the province.

Teacher's salaries (if fact the entire public sector's salaries) have become detached from reality. There are no results orientated bench marks. Why are wages or salaries not attached to goals and or results?

Education is essential to our society for an abundance of reasons. But the current model is outdated and does not fit the times. We need to revamp the entire model. And we need school divisions to work smarter. No one likes hearing about "amalgamation", but at the very least what about a full shared services model for all backend business processes/systems (and operate them as a business). Time to remove territorialism from the mix and do what's best for the citizens. No more catering to individual agendas.

The teaching regulations and standards need to be revisited for the concern of children. Teach kids to write and hand write, they do not need individual iphones in class.there isn't any chalk boards in most classrooms anymore.

Teaching should be regarded as an enviable and highly respected profession. A great teacher is a hero in the same way a doctor or a police officers. Let's aim to set the bar high so that those graduates at the top of their class are seriously considering teaching as their profession. Teaching should not be regarded as a back-up for those who do not succeed in other fields.

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eliminate the tenure model for teachers and implement a performance based system. Teachers who perform well keep their jobs - teachers who retire on the job or have consistent poor class performance are re-trained or shed. We have many young people wanting to teach - lets ensure that the same model for business of performance applies. Would also focus on program for gifted students rather than the present system of always teaching to the lowest performing student in the classroom. focus on the basics bring back failure, eliminate the unrealistic rewarding of mediocrity that prevents recognition of real achievement and eliminates the desire to strive. CREATE ONE SCHOOL DIVISION under the direction of the province. Eliminate duplication of school boards, executives office space and school lands and buildings that are not schools. In this way 10 schools in Winnipeg need not have auto shops that are okay when 5 or 6 can have ones which are done very well and 1 or two outside of Winnipeg. Ensure the level of education across the province, including the north balances education and resources instead of so many trying to offer everything. Do all things well in fewer places. We must stop trying to be all things to all people in all places.

decrease french education spending and decrease the personnel in the school division offices. not the teachers.

Decrease. Reign in school boards to stop all day kindergarten. Reign in teacher salaries -- six figures for a 40 week year?

(1) Merge divisions to gain economies of scale.. (2) reduce administration, decrease numbers of expensive inter school consultants and, if there's room, hire more front line teachers. Get your policies from the teachers, not from detached education administrators. Quit changing policy & provide resources where changes are required. Inter-school resource & other so-called experts are not living up to their responsibilities & are unaccountable. Principals are unchecked and run their schools like monarchs in feudal times...

It does not have to mean fewer resources for students. Manitoba teachers are over paid and their benefit packages are too large. Funding for education is about 80% for teachers, that means materials and buildings only make up 20%. A shift in the use of these funds could improve the the education system.

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The reason for this reduction is that the schools do not need all of the extra activities. Classes should be kept focused on education, chalk boards do work, and are cheaper than computers. Post secondary education should be funded by the students working, while attending school.

Amalgamate the divisions into 1 for all of Winnipeg. Reducing the duplication of superintedents and boards. Calgary already does this and is a larger populus.

I would be putting a lot more funding into rural schools are schools are lacking compared to the cities teacher involvement in education could be improved greatly I better training after all our kids are our future so we've got to educate them and educate them well and we have to do it now

Charge school fees like they do in Alberta. People using the services should be paying for them. Buses lunch supervision all this should cost money to those using the service.

We have the dumbest kids in Canada so why would we throw more money at the educational system? Reduce the amount of school boards down to one, Trusties should be by volunteering only. Reduce all the admin duplicity.

find cost savings

Package deal - make it more attractive for parents to home-school their children. There would be an opportunity to ease the daycare burden as well as crowded classrooms.

Provide funding for autism.

I would dissolve the majority of school divisions/boards - going to a Rural North, Rural South & Winnipeg. There would be admin savings. I would also make education funding part of general taxation, removing it from property taxes and combine smaller schools into larger ones. Past generations had larger classrooms, and did well, and this could be, along with technology, considered an option. There could be incentives, in order to offset child care costs & education, provided to households who choose to homeschool.

Long term gains and savings in hospitals, jails and social programs by investing in children and youth. Respect for teachers.

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I think reducing the number individual school divisions to cut staff and duplications, but not education.

Amalgamate all Winnipeg \school Divisions into one and lay off excess staff. Only increase Teachers pay if they take related courses. A math teacher should not get a raise if they take Interior Design for example.

Reduce the number of school boards.

open education delivery to competition and innovation, subject to a common regulatory standard

Maintain funding at current levels but analysis should be completed to eliminate waste, redundancies and inefficiencies.

Not popular, but we have too many school divisions with bloated head offices and not enough resources in the schools. We also have an provincial education department that could be helpful to teachers in terms of creating usable plans, rather than the stale bunch in the department.

Harmonize the Provincial sales tax with the GST and let the Feds administer it. Demand a big bribe from Ottawa to do it. Apply the bribe to the debt. Now you have lowered the sales tax by 3 points in your first term. Apply the new 10% HST to EVERYTHING. Alternatively raise the PST to 9 say you're sorry. The first option is more palatable politically. Make the price include all the taxes, so what you see is what you pay, people will forget and get used to it.

Remove institutional monopoly on provision of education; roll back institutional budgets, remove tenure, de-certify educational/institutional/public unions, and suspend apprenticeship training for 5 years. Freeze public school system budgets and freeze their ability to raise revenue; Move towards a private/public partnership in the educational system. There are other models, a purely public system is not the only one. Government monopolies drive up costs due to absence of any competition and wide spread unionization. Public unionization drives up costs and lowers service. In Manitoba, we have more Public employees and we pay them better than anywhere else in the country per capita. Not even mentioning we can't pay their defined benefit pensions at any level of Government. I'll have to work until I'm dead or can't why shouldn't everyone? Retirement, whats' that?

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Leave it the same and learn to live within your means as the rest of us have to. Stop catering to small special interest groups within the education sector. The few do not outweigh the many. University and college are not free rides. They are an investment in your future. Not everyone is cut out for post-secondary education. Less school boards. Too much difference between the boards. Get back to the basics. If you can't do basic math and English there is no need to specialty classes that only a few will take

More funding for post-secondary education to make it more accessible for lower-income students. More subsidies to lower tuition and more individual grants.

Maintain education spending and push for administrative efficiency within the public school system. Direct any savings to initiatives that benefit students (e.g., more teachers, school buildings).

Keep Manitoba Student Loans interest free.

Keep it the same, but think it's time for the older teachers to retire and allow the new generation to get into teaching. Maybe some sort of incentive should be offered to the older teachers, they are just there to increase their pensions, not to teach our child.

I think that supporting and expanding the class size caps should be the number 1 priority of the Manitoba government. I am a teacher and I can say that my classroom is a very different place with 20 students than with 30. The investment, though, needs to be made in staff, not programs. Teachers are professionals, and are absolutely willing to work hard to produce results for their students, but when we're in an environment where we're facing staffing cuts and being forced to teach new, expensive, and ineffective programs, it makes us cynical and demoralized.

We need to standardize schools being built by having a common blueprint used to build them with standard doors and windows, same location for offices, gym location. There are far too many school divisions with overlapping bureaucracy that needs to become more efficient.

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Enforce accountability for spending at all levels and allow Post Secondary Tuition fees to rise to near the average rate of other provinces. Eliminate duplication of offerings at the post secondary level.

Redistribute existing supports (bursaries, scholarships, loans) toward high school and post secondary students based solely on economic need and academic performance, not on race or gender preferences. Create a level playing field based on income need and proven academic achievement, replacing racist existing policies that penalise the majority of Manitobans regardless of life/financial opportunities or lack of. Do the same for the civil service.

Maintain our stock of buildings, improve accessibility, maintain or improve instruction. Maintain and improve education for sustainable development.

Forgivable loans for people with disabilities attending university to escape poverty and/or EIA.

Tax as a province rather than by school division

Then assess the needs of students and fund their needs, in the manner of #1 Finland. Eliminate private schools so the rich push to improve all schools not just their own child's.

Amalgamate all school divisions within province into one.

I would remove education from property tax and have it paid entirely from general revenue. I would temporarily hold the line on teacher's pay. I would aim to increase funding to our universities and colleges so that our youth can afford an education that is of a very high standard. I would amalgamate school boards.

Decrease

Minimize school boards, similar to RHAs, they're a level of government that doesn't add much value.

Proper labour market informed resources for post -secondary institutions. Defund private vocational institutes and redirect resources to creating more polytechnical institutions.

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It is time that the general public stops paying for the outrageous benefits, salaries and retirement packages of everyone in the public sector-education and government.

The school taxes are increasing at a level that is unsustainable by the normal general public.

Seniors should not be required to pay any education taxes.

We need to eliminate education taxes based on property values and find out a different solution that is fair to everyone.

Get rid of duplication in schools board districts and reduce the number of management positions.

Encourage Post Secondary education. Improve the Skill level to earn better jobs and improve the economy

I would switch from student loans to grants

This ties into strategies for healthy families and also helps make the province more competitive.

Unnecessary spending on additional staffing has ballooned education costs. A teacher should be able to teach a 20 child classroom alone. There are too many TA's and support staff tying up resources along with education for teachers that should already be known.

Make all of Winnipeg one school district. Put more money into 'better' teachers, not more. Studies show that class size is less important than the teachers abilities. Reduce the number of small high schools and make larger 'super' high schools.

Freeze wages, add even two or three more students per class. Cut janitor staff by a fraction and freeze wages for a yea or so.

The way we raise funds for education. While have local automy is still very good the downloading has to stop since it is penalizing anyone living in rural Manitoba financially. I think the school divisions are big enough but so we really need that many

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I would like value for money audits in Pembina Trails where they appear to be spending a lot of money on political initiatives rather than funding classrooms. I can't vote on these initiatives they are promoting outside of Pembina Trails as I am non native , I also do not get a political receipt for these activities and am concerned about political parties shopping in the schools budget lines.

The cost of going to trade school is high. Lower the tuition there for starters.

S'assurer d'avoir des examens standardisés à la fin du programme secondaire dans tous les sujets pour tous les étudiants de la province. Augmenter les services aux étudiants avec des besoins spéciaux. L'argent ainsi investie réduire au long terme les dépenses causés par la criminalité et la délinquance. Don't un tel investissement réduira les dépenses futures du gouvernement parce qu'ils auront une main-d'oeuvre encore plus qualifiée.

Baisse des tarifs d'éducation post secondaire

redirect funding to unemployed and under employed adults, a variety of programs to meet individual needs. Long term payoff as people become consumers, pay taxes and better health & well-being. Must continue to fund children but also focus on the adults who were lost due to lack of programs and supports in the 90's.

Id keep it the same.

I think its a travesty that private educational institutions are on the public trough. This handout should be immediately revoked. This is nothing more than welfare for profitable institutions.

amalgamate smaller divisions with larger ones allowing for increase resource sharing. Consider classroom compositions. Consider classrooms of students with similar skill / education levels, it would increase teacher & student capabilities and productivity

I do think that better management of the resources that the school divisions do have could save money and put more money in the classroom. I also think that schools with less than 200 students need to be closed and rerouted

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Educational funding is out of hand. Where is the money going. The quality of education has decreased to the point that many families are using private schools or home schooling. Cut spending, increase class sizes and provide tutoring for those who really need it. Teachers need to do more with less as the rest of us have learned.

Close schools that are not full or money efficient

Increase

Maintain educational investments. Allow opportunities for privately owned public schools and corporate funding of university programs/research.

We need to have better availability for students to learn and grow. Education should be designed around children, not the work day. University should be very low cost (or free) as people can learn and grow. A society of educated individuals can hardly go wrong. Better decisions, better job opportunities better life.

Maintain support for recently graduated post-secondary students.

Increased access to post secondary programming at a reasonable cost. Many young Manitobans are stuck in a vicious debt cycle by wanting to gain further education or training in their desired fields.

The level of spending may not need to change but could be spent more wisely. For example there is a course that I have been trying to take at RRC for some time, but they have not been offering it. Also I find it hard to believe that with the tuitions currently being charged that they cannot operate profitably. We need more health care provider training to fill Doctor and nurse shortages. We need to train enough to cover the percentage that we know will leave the province.

Recognizes foreigners credentials

Education and Training is what gets and keeps families out of poverty. Investing in this makes sense. Reduce the focus on prescriptive curriculum and create more clear and measurable objectives. Many of the best and brightest youth in the province are not going to U of M. I would ask why.

Programs for everyone not just the few. Educate people in technology and the jobs of the future.

merge more school divisions

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Increase tuition fees to be similar to other provinces

We need to look at how teachers bargain salaries. The increases they have received have far exceeded the rest of the public sector and private industry. We should look at reducing the number of school divisions. Too many trustees are not held accountable, fewer boards would improve accountability

Until teachers pay is more reflective of the Canadian averages and better results are shown in the classroom I would not support increasing or even maintaining educational spending. There is not enough oversight over school boards and negotiations with unions are left to the boards to deal with when it should be a provincial or even national issue. Much stiffer regulation and oversight is needed on those who control the educational component of our school systems because it seems like no matter what the province gives them it will never be enough.

I would decrease the amount that taxes cover in tuition costs for university students

why are we building more schools when we have fewer students? do the teachers run this province? we have plenty of funding for education, let's start reining in the teachers union. how about rolling back some of the teachers benefits and holidays and pensions at the next collective bargaining session?

Increase tuition costs for poor secondary. Increase spending for English as a second language children

Remain same

Efficiency, salaries.

MB Bursary should have a lower maximum (currently \$4000); interest should be charged on repayment of MSL at a minimal rate (ex. 3%) not 0%

education should be tied to inflation.

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Perhaps the parents should stop putting their kids in 4 sport activities weekly and start to work together with schools to get more options there at their schools. What is up with others paying for this cost, when the parents need to find solutions to provide things. Also schools are horrible and do not help children learn, they never leave even knowing how to balance a bank account. I know a few teachers that appear more unstable, yet they are teaching, so it appears we do not have a good system, fix the system, do not just throw money at it and reward bad behavior.

Cut teachers salaries by 30% minimum

decrease get rid of all the school boards and have one like some other provinces do.

Again, we have HOW MANY school divisions in a city/province of our size...?! Take a look at Toronto...TWO ... divisions...!! All those fat over paid trustees, superintendents, etc., etc. We funnel far too much cash into an education system that is WAY TOO FAT and EXPENSIVE...!!!

Money has been clearly shown to not be the main factor in how well children learn, how much they contribute to society. Home schooled children in Manitoba excel in many areas including volunteering in their communities, lower personal debts, higher income, more entrepreneurs, among many other factors. All of this, in spite of not receiving any government funding. Education is not the responsibility of the government.

decrease

cut back post secondary funding. While I was at the university of Manitoba, colossal amounts of money are wasted on a top heavy administration department, union monopolies, and kids that just want to party. Students should have to pay the full price of tuition. And the unions at the U of M need to have their free ride ended.

2.7B is a bag full of money. I would like to know how it's all spent. If part of it is used to pay teachers/professors, maybe start there & put a cap on the high salaries. I would need to know more of the expenditures as to whether to increase or decrease.

Spend the money better.

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Need to get spending under control. Need to remove taxation from property owners and shift to General Revenue. School school boards have too much autonomy to increase taxes at disproportionate levels.

I would increase education funding as great education is key to great careers and economic development in the long run

Based on the number of Illiterate students graduating, whatbwe spend now is wasted. We cannot continue to fully fund this and recieve such poor results. Teachers are not teachers any more, they are deliverers of a politically correct agenda. Totally un Canadain and useless

Let school boards be fiscally responsible on their own so they are forced to become more cost-efficient. Government should only provide quality control oversight and provincial standards.

Maintain spending but seriously Education needs a complete efficiency over hall. Too many school boards, departments and presidents all with their own special interests and inputs that has depleted our educational standard.

Teachers have too many days off

I'm tired of our teachers saying how hard done by they are. I think we have to start suing teachers and schools for breach of contract. If our students done leave school with a specific skill set then they haven't done their job. Our universities have a first year for students because they are not prepared when they get there. You can sue doctors, lawyers, engineers, construction companies etc for negligence. Why can't you sue teachers. I am also tired of the time they get off each year and yet they are paid as if they work the hours of everyone else in industry. Don't tell me about their OT. Just talk to a CPA working at a firm and see how many hours are worked without compensation or any other salaried employee. They have to get with the real world. Our universities also are a place where professors over value themselves. It has got to stop.

Decrease until the budget is balanced.University should be for the elite student who works hard to study , pass and make a difference instead of those with just the ability to pay and don't care to excel and take arts to pacify their parents. Reduce Professor salaries and tenure.

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Foundations use only interest which is very low, use principal to help fund education and give extra tax incentives to those who donate to funds and foundations for education.

Eliminate support for post-secondary education in any field that doesn't produce prosperity and or jobs - like Arts or Aboriginal Studies. If you want to take those subjects - good for you. But don't make the taxpayer pay for it.

Make sure our post secondary education system is able to provide the programs we need to remain competitive in todays rapidly changing environment.

All students with 3.0 avg and above receive college or university education in Manitoba with a provision that after graduation they spen their first five years employed in Manitoba, and medical grads give bacj the first 10 years. This will promote excellence.

Administrative costs are through the roof. Winnipeg has way too many school divisions each with a glut of administrative expenses. Maintaining the funding and making chances would provide more in the areas that are really needed.

Decrease amount of duplication and red tape. Have ceteralized management and a watch dog o er departments for both management and laboir to hear complaints.

decrease school taxes at a certain age no higher than 65

Stop over paying teachers and stop over funding their pensions. Children's needs should not suffer for Teacher's salaries and school division wasteful spending. You want an educated society stop making it impossible for "middle income" families to send their children to school. Student loans are not available for children who still live at home based on their parent's income. So no matter how well you raise and educate children they have no opportunities unless parent's are wealthy enough to send them to school or low income and can get student loans. My "middle income" family lives pay cheque to pay cheque so despite my child graduating high school with a dual diploma and honors he could not get a student loan based on our income. Ridiculous. How many wasted opportunites to offer education to bright, intelligent well raised children have just been wasted. Education = better society = lower crime rates etc.

Some schools need to be closed. Drop the seniors education tax rebate.

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Responses

Reduce the number of school divisions. Remove taxation authority from the School divisions. Mandate a maximum that can be spent on administrative functions (trustees, boards, principals, etc). Focus on results not inputs.

Maybe look at the 7 superintendents that Manitoba has maybe scale down to 1 and then there would be more school tax dollars going to other needs.

Increase post-secondary tuition fees to match the costs of providing this education. Encourage a low-tax environment (particularly income taxes) so that students graduating with postsecondary degrees remain in Manitoba. Bargain salary freezes until the fiscal situation improves.

Eliminate or consolidate School Boards to save costs. Bring Teacher salary, perks, benefits, and pensions in line with reality. The Govt. needs to do whatever it takes to curb and roll back their outrageous contract demands. Enroll new hires in less costly and risky pension plans. Increase class sizes.

End run away hiring and empire building at every school division in the Province, roll every single school division into 2 or 3 (Winnipeg, Rural MB and the North), end gold plated pensions (unfunded liabilities)

Higher quality teachers, smaller classes.

Get rid of the school boards or just make one school board for the entire province. There are less kids in school than years ago, our money is being wasted on people who are not in the classrooms. How much is spent on school boards? How much are all those people paid, it's not in the schools.

Allow adults with intellectual disabilities the choice to leave school before the age of 21. Some adults are receiving no real benefit by being warehoused in school programs. Transfer that funding to CLDS

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

Education is so bloated, my mother was a teacher for 25 years. The.....system needs to be rebuilt from the ground up. Homeschooling and online learning technologies are gaining a lot of success. The analog classrooms are hurting the learning process young minds need today to be prepared for the future. The current system was designed for the industrial revolution and in no way supports the future technology skills kids will need to have. Cancel second language and music courses or make them elective. You can learn them on your smart phone for free on your own time. Instead, teach computer programming courses, media production, business, and other industry demanded skills. If you want to be really trail blazing, experiment with giving kids a most customized option in selecting things of interest to them and their futures. KhanAcademy.org provides incredible online from K-12 to full on rocket science. Using it in failing Los Angeles ghetto schools, saw passing rates increase from 20% to 80% in one year. This should be focused and incorporated into our students learning.

Making training at Red River more accessible for low income individuals. People who have lost their jobs should have options available for training /education to reenter workforce. The government should make it a priority to hire individuals with mental health and disabilities our government should lead by example. You have recently announced you are stream lining senior positions Now you should committe to hiring and training our citizens with disabilities and they will in return become tax paying citizens. Fund agencies that support individuals to look and secure employment rather than warehousing people in workshops or institutions .I see nothing mentioned in any of these questions or your announcements about how you will support our most vulnerable citizens

freeze teachers pay and and cut staffing in education dept

It is time to hold the education system accountable. Innovative programs streamlined with current technologies meeting students needs will generate a more engaged student body. (e.g. Teachers who have been around for 10-15 years are in some cases uses the same curriculum; outlines from years past. Overall administration of the school divisions also need review.

Reduce the number of school boards

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

We have less children already in schools, so no need for more schools. And classes have gotten smaller over the years, we should increase those class sizes again, no reason why a teacher can't deal with more students, they did it before...

We need to get people in the workforce, this starts in elementary and high school. It is vital that trades and skills are taught in high schools, especially in rural and remote Manitoba. If kids begin learning trades (electrical, carpentry, nurses aids, hair dressing, etc.) in high school they become contributing society members. Often people can not move to larger centres and pay tuition. Yes more funding, education if vital to health, people working or becoming contributing member or society, decreasing social services, policing, court, and incarcerations costs, etc. The lack of grade 12 from remote regions of Manitoba or that young demographic population will cost governments and tax payers for years and is not sustainable for tax payers (i.e. burden on child and family services, healthcare, policing). We must educate the young to have a better future for them and for Manitoba. The current model of few graduating from grade 12 from the north will be a burden on Manitobans for generations. Tax incentives and bursaries for low income to attend post secondary as well.

decrease. stop paying those teachers sooooo much money. stop giving them such a good pension...I am paying for it, yet I do not receive a pension...how fare is that

Give teachers the same hard lesson in economics health care workers need. Manitoba is virtually bankrupt and they are a big part of the reason why.

I would decrease it. Here in Winnipeg every year we get raped by the school boards who seem to answer to no one. I would increase post secondary so more underprivelaged kids have a chance if getting out of the poverty cycle.

Education has over promised and under-delivered, it has tried to produce results it can't achieve and should be held accountable. The future of this Province is not tied to educational outcomes the system deems to be appropriate. There needs to be a connection between outcomes and investment with the people not the system determining what acceptable outcomes are.

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

There are far too many school boards especially in Winnipeg. Children who live in the city should not be bused to school. if a parent wants to send their children to a different school division it should be up to that parent to get their child to school. I was disappointed that the school rebate was removed for seniors, but I understand why. Education taxes should be taken off property taxes and everyone who submits a tax form should be paying a percentage of the school taxes. There are far too many adult children still living with their parents who don't pay a penny in school taxes. Making all adults pay would certainly make it easier on seniors and people on a fixed income as it would spread out the payments to all adults.

lower teacher wages. less administration.

Providing better teaching to children is an investment for the future.

I would create more programs focusing on the jobs we will need to fill, rather than BAs in universities.

Increase all MB Kindergarten to full day everyday. Change the age to start Kindergarten to 5 years on the first day of school. Less money to school board offices and more dollars in the school - where the teachers and children will benefit. Create an appropriate number of special needs classes within a school so there is interaction among all children but separation for teachings. I am not being insensitive to the children's issue but why should all kids suffer a lack of education so that a small number of children with issues are integrated. Teachers teach to the lowest level in all classrooms and each classroom needs to be on a more level playing field. It's not being insensitive - it's being realistic.

Although not really an option here, reduce teacher salaries and pensions

Pensions are out of hand as well as salary growth

Education is very important for everyone. For lower class kids, it reduces overall social costs.

The teachers' pension plan situation is extremely troubling. They have a very difficult job, but they are paid very well with far more time-off than the rest of us.

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

I would freeze teacher pay. I come from a family of teachers and have a good idea of what they get paid. It is very high for people who (mostly) just have undergraduate degrees and who enjoy other benefits such as summers off, Christmas break and good pensions. Teachers will not quit to leave for other jobs; nowhere else will pay them as well. There is also not a shortage of unemployed teachers, so supply and demand is not a factor.

Forgive student loans based on merit or academic performance, possibly tied to a commitment to stay and work in Manitoba

I don't agree with the use of expensive technology in schools. I would like to see more research into how effective technology is when it comes to improving literacy and numeracy outcomes in schools.

School divisions do not need to be investing in iPads for students, (as one example of excess); teachers are employees of the taxpayer, and their wages should be kept in line with wages of non-governmental businesses.

Increase, Our school division has not seen an increase in four years. We are not able to keep up to the current finding in education

We spend far too much on medicine training and education which has NOT shown any return on investments. People stay here is they want to period. We spend ~32 million per year for the four year student fees. Cut this out! Also, University of Manitoba just announced a huge level of donations. That should help them out.

Invest in meal programs and early childhood education, decrease administrative staff.

Teachers salaries must be brought under control.

They should work as many days as the rest of us. 220 days/year

Direct education to industry development

Industry demands

As stated decrease budget and get help from people on assistance that are already collecting a cheque. Get people working for their money, government assistance should only be available if a person is totally disabled and incapable of physically working in some way.

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

Teachers keep getting contracts that guarantee their salaries will rise if other division contracts rise. That's ridiculous and just increases their salaries with no extra duties or responsibilities for that pay increase. Teachers now make more than front line care providers. This just raises property taxes and is no longer giving us good value for our tax dollars. Get rid of 1-4 outcomes report cards - they are useless.

Education needs to be streamlined, local school boards replaced by advisory boards and centrally managed with standardized requirements. The private sector could be given charitable donation tax deductions for donating to schools (buying supplies or building or expanding school facilities)

Interesting that the last two sections were "almost" percentages and this one is 24.9%. What a strange way of phrasing this question.

More permanent teachers

Add resources to junior and middle school, formative education sets the pace for future ambitions. Senior & post education will take care of itself. Teach kids the skills early to enhance self confidence. This is very crucial for neglected children of which we have many. Show them that there is a path that they control and not a path that they are forced onto. Keep them off the streets.

I think there needs to be a review done on all MB school boards and find cost savings in overpaid superintendents and similar payroll positions. There also needs to be some sort of transparent accountability of how the funds are being spent especially to the government who oversees them as well as the taxpayers. I know there are funds being spent inappropriately and there is nothing being done about it. It just keeps growing out of proportion. Teachers should not receive any more than other people get in raises each year. 1.5 - 2 % max.

Consolidate the number of school boards in the province. Also, stick to basics in curriculum - no "new math", and keep physical education. Take action to address the close to 1:1 ratio of working teachers to retired teachers.

Increase the budget but take away the local school boards, and their tax burden. Dollars are wasted locally that the Gov of the day could dictate the dollars usage.

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

Stop building new schools, stop throwing money at tech, most teachers can't use the tech that they have and as a result students don't learn to use it properly either. 70% of the time new tech goes unused by educators, paper and a pencil is still the primary learning method used by teachers.

More permanent teachers

My kids are learning tons about residential schools (multiple years), but lack spelling, math, geography, social studies and science fairs. School taxes should be gathered as part of income tax not property tax. Kids don't require tablets to learn, unless it has a direct textbook/tablet business justification.

Reduce teacher and ed staff wages and benefits.

School have become too dependent on technology. Should be less how to use it more how to maintain and repair it.

Lowering tuition; increases to ACCESS programs; supporting educational supports.

Merge school divisions. Cut down on management and create a more equal distribution of the property taxes. Also.close down or review closing schools with less then 75 students.

I went through the apprenticeship program and really think its a great program with great opportunities. But thr incentive to going needs to be higher. It was very hard paying bills while collecting ei.

Increase access to better technology and material in the class rooms

Maintain with a targeted increase to improve graduation rates for Indigenous young people, as per the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report.

Technical training of any type is what is needed more than academic training for awhile.

I would phase out full day kindergarten or change the curriculum/expectations. Full day kindergarten is NOT developmentally appropriate for 4-5 year olds. Most kids at that age still need naps to be at their best.

Assuming the money was used correctly it would increase our skills thus increasing our value to the market and increase our income tax revenue.

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

Increase funding in apprenticeship programs.

I would decrease the amount of scholarship programs but put a freeze on tuition rates going up for 5 years. I would also keep the 60% tuition reimbursement for post secondary schooling if people stay and work in this province for 5 years. That would not only cover the 60% but get more people interested in bettering themselves and filling job positions the province needs by decreasing the tuition rates.

Increase education dollars for reserves and indigenous programs.

maintain the coarse and throttle down the costs. i heard too many times where the school is given a budget that includes spending that isnt needed but is done anyways to not loose the money. also the schools are getting way too high tech costing tax payers too much. Education is important but the schools are loosing focus on high tech equipment and trips to Europe rather than teach the kids the stuff the kids actually need in life....focus more of life skills like budgeting, running a small business, Canadian politicsstuff like that. My land taxes get hit hard with an education tax and that shouldn't be. Time to tighten the belt in the school system.

reduce funding for post secondary

I would increase the amount teachers are paid.

I think too many people are over educated in areas where there are no jobs available . They end up with useless degrees , huge student loan debt and are working in low paying jobs unrelated to their field of education . We need to go back to the method of learning more on the job and less in a classroom .

Investing in K-12 allowing smaller class sizes, more diverse learning experiences like hands on learning. Cut funding to the universities to have a leaner system with tuition costs that reflect closer to the Canadian average

Reduce the graduate tax credit from 60% to 40%. It would still help to maintain an educated workergirce, but at a more sustainable level.

Fewer schools, amalgamation districts, less guidance counselling services in-school, offering external counseling services at subsidizes costs

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

School tax based on income. Get control of school division tax increases. Selkirk, Manitoba has 5 elementary schools for a city of 10,000 people. Way too much being spent on infrastructure and admin. Better managed resources would save in both education fundin from province and school taxes.

The post secondary education system needs to be blown up. Tuition continues to rise so students can spend money on programs that have no job openings.

The majority of the educuational cost burden falls on taxpayers through property taxes. The amount of wasted money through the school divisions is ridiculous. Get rid of all these school divisions and duplications and get back to the basics. The government should be overseeing the money to ensure it's being spent on core educational requirements instead of on administration, specialty programs and non essential learning. It's nice that school divisions offer all these extra language courses and programming but it's coming at such a high expense to taxpayers and we aren't even achieving good quality core education for reading, math, art or sciences.

Investing in our children is the best investment that any government can make. It is building the future of the province. K-6 support is essential. High school support is a joke. The entire education system is millennial unfriendly.

Increase.

Audit school boards for optimization. Reduce salaries of staff and teachers

Increase funding for job training programs, and post-secondary education. Mo cover university degrees

Cut lucrative benefits available to teachers (maternity top up, db pension), make benefits more in line with the private sector

Encore faisons l'exercice du cout des professeurs, du cout des services administratifs, cout de nos batiments/locaux. C'est quoi le ratio postes administratifs vs professeurs. Combien d'eleves diviser par le nombre de professeur. Meme calcul pour les postes administratifs. Y a t il trop d'organisation pour controller l'education ? L'administration coutent tres cher. Le modele a besoin d'etre revu.

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cover university degrees

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Increase post secondary tuition cap to allow universities to recover costs

Increase training and supports for people with barriers to employment.

Increase

Increase support for universities and also allow universities to increase tuition.

I would have developers pay for new schools in new developments. Increase supports for head start programs to help Indigenous children be more ready for school.

There is waste in the education system and it could be made more efficient.

At this time I would reduce this budget because many successful Graduates study in Manitoba but tend to leave here after, A look at retention rates would determine just how much can be reduced here...

Student enrollment is down and spending is increasing exponential. The province needs to provide greater oversight of school boards and districts should be amalgamated to reduce high administrative costs.

Continued efforts need to be made to be efficient in both spending and use of existing facilities. I am cautiously optimistic of the overall direction and implemented changes that have been made since the April 2016 election. Is it efficient to combine or 'umbrella' School Divisions (similar to rollup of RHA's)?

Graduating 26 years ago. I am astounded at the amount of photocopying my children bring home. One school sent out a one time sign off at beginning of year for field trips. That saved time n paper n toner. Also textbooks aren't used as much is that saving though? Student teachers could begin creating student online textbooks for students? I am a nurse and I do not get numerous days a year for training off site. Maybe wages don't get pulled back but some perks?

Education is crucial. I would encourage more conflict resolution studies and leadership training at a high school level to be prepare citizens to work together more cooperatively.

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

May have to make hard choices. Can't be everything to everyone here. Back to basics of Math, Science, Writing, Fitness, and life skills. The rest is extra and may have to go or be limited. Reduce the teachers with a Back to Basics approach. We need to concentrate on improving education, not watering it down.

Increase funding for education (and to produce educational materials and propaganda) to reverse the stigma/prejudice about aboriginal peoples/issues/culture - promote indigenous in positive ways for the first time in a hundred years

Combine smaller schools and divisions with ones nearby.

Implementation of legislation to allow the creation of charter schools.

I would stop asking parents and homeowners to fund this over and above their tax contributions - does that 2.7 billion include all revenue sources?

Reduce the expense related to school boards and trustees. Cut some of these positions if need be.

If we better fund our schools and resources, we will have more educated adults in the workforce.

Cut some of the top paying personnel in special education, resource teachers, counsellors. Maintain buses instead of buying new.

Maintain accountability and ensure curriculum meets the needs of students.

Homeschoolers should receive funding as they pay school taxes like all other residents. BC uses this system. Books, resources, activities are expensive and homeschoolers pay for these out of their own pockets as well as paying for public schools (which they aren't using) via taxes.

Get quality teachers / professors that would actually make a difference for the students. Change that the university runs for profit and make it about the students learning experience.

Pay those who are actually doing the educating and research and cut back on bloated administrators' salaries. We need more tenured professors to maintain the integrity of curricula and fewer exploited sessional instructors -

We need more but I don't feel this is as urgent as other areas - it should keep up with inflation

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

Cut administrative and management costs. Concentrate on providing good education for students.

10% cut

Students have all the resources they need via the Internet. Aptitude testing for all applicants to receive post-secondary education in Manitoba w/long term individual service contracts for all graduates of health care and education related programs. This will prevent market - based inflation of wages and keep more graduates in the community. Freeze salaries of educators at all levels, increasing only by 2/3 rate of inflation.

increase tuition to national average at post secondary institutions. increase admission standards at all post secondary institutions - eliminates costs associated with supporting students who do not belong in higher ed. Amalgamate all post secondary institutions into ONE university of Manitoba - eliminates costly duplication

Increase post secondary fees

I would increase it. We need to change the education system. There needs to be more financial and real world issues taught in schools. Taxes, Mortgages, Investments etc. There should be a program that offers this in our education system and it SHOULD be mandatory because every single person that comes out of school will encounter these in the real world.

The majority of funding goes right down the gutter. Funds go to sponsor, sponsor funds student, and student never shows up for school. Money still spent, with little to show for it. This seriously needs to be addressed, as that's money not properly utilized and will continue to be.

There is not proven increase in student performance with reduced class sizes. Return class sizes to 25-1. Increase PSE tuition to inflation +1%. Increase international tuition incrementally to target rate of 3 X the domestic rate.

I am not up to date on this question. I do not have any kids but still pay a high school tax I think this should be lowered for people with no kids.

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

Education investment is vital to our economy. Post secondary education should be for everyone living in Manitoba - not only the wealthy. I would change the education investments so all students can further their education and not worry about debt after completion.

Decrease (remove) funding to religious based schools. They don't pay taxes why do we help pay for their incomplete education system.

Need better bang for our buck - teaching salaries and divisional control is out of control

look to other provinces... they do a better job in other provinces for less dollars per student. We obviously are doing something wrong.

Increase supports for Deaf students. Bring back provincial Deaf consultants, encourage ASL interpreters to work at rural schools, encourage families with Deaf children to learn sign language even if the children receive cochlear implants....As well, I see that we need additional supports in the area of mental health. Currently there is a big lack of mental health services for our kids. It causes huge problems in school. Kids with untreated mental illness can't learn and their situation affects their peers in the classroom.

Stop allowing school districts to fund themselves through municipal property taxes. What a rape that is. Make the curriculum realistic and demanding, especially physical education. No more free academic rides for students.

Increased funding for classroom supplies

STOP SUBSIDIZING UNIVERSITY! We have a generation of people with "degrees" that have contributed nothing to our economy. Aside from certain programs like medicine or the trades we are incentivizing people to educate themselves for no real gains to the province.

Fund programs that have worker shortages and include short term contracts for them to reside in the province for ~3 years to help justify the money spent.

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

I would eliminate part time funding for students with needs. Students need full time assistance to maintain the current inclusion model in education. If all students are to remain in a classroom, then they need Educational Assistants that work with them full time. To have an EA in the classroom part of the time only highlights the fact that we know the student needs help but we can't afford to help them all the time. Part time funding only forces students with needs out of the classroom so that multiple students can work with one adult. We either need to change the model, or change the funding.

more funding for primary schools in low-income neighbourhoods, more grants for low-income, Indigenous, and newcomer post-secondary students

I believe education is a necessity that we are doing well at as a province

Increase trade skill education to match market demands. Tuition freezes have the greatest benefit for urban students. The cost of living for rural students is by far their greatest cost. Tax relief for rural student living costs could be implemented Lower the Number of middle management positions in education and clean up inefficiencies in the education system.

Decrease government spending on universities and raise university tuition. Encourage students to work part-time to support themselves through their education and full-time through the summer.

Education pays for itself many times over.

I would remove farmland school taxes and school taxes on businesses assets. Fund schools through adding corporate tax and shift some of the tax to residences as well. Strike a balance between both. I see value in a educated manitoba, not trying to avoid funding schools but school taxes need to be shared by all if tax rates continue unchecked on farmland it will push many farmers margins to the breaking point. I would decrease post secondary funding. Have a BSc graduated in 2012 and I feel university courses should have been higher priced I felt a lot of students were just attending because didn't know what else to do, increase cost could perhaps push some of these young people into the workplace and trade schools quicker.

Secondary funding for aboriginal training

I heard to many times from students that pay their own tuitions mean while other funded students sit and have no idea how much tuition is and do not make an

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

effort of completing program they just start because they can and it's free.

Decrease funding to post-secondary institutions and let them increase tuition fee. Students can get student loan.

By reducing the number of upper management such as some schools having 3 principals in one school. Ridiculous, that money could be better spent on programs.

Having worked in a school for 10+ years I have seen waste and mismanagement of education dollars and believe that more could be done with less in this area. Decrease educational assistant positions - I've witnessed first hand 1:1 ratios in high school settings where the EA's assigned to students did nothing - and were not really needed. More accountability with supply spending (ex) pens, notepads...those expendables that walk out of the building.

Utilize new immigrants who have migrated here with degrees etc. instead of making them return to school. The quicker they get to work the quicker we get the taxes. We desperately need their expertise in agriculture, engineering and health care.

Other provinces standardize school equipment, explore recycling, less use of text books. Explore smaller schools viability and support more home schooling options

Time to invest less, we don't get enough out of our education system. Our teachers are overpaid, underworked and the support staff in those schools are overworked and underpaid.

Reorganize the system!!! Not the money

Wage freezes and roll backs. Past funding has only served the increasing costs of wages and pensions. Services haven't changed dramatically and yet student results have seen meaningful decline for years. Model isnt working.

downsize management and minimize increases in pay, benefits, pensions for all employees

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

They need to increase - if just a bit each year. It is the old saying - children are our future.

Less investments to school divisions on nice to have (field trips, extra-curricular outings) versus need to have (focusing on true education value)

reduce the funding by the amounts provided to private schools; change the grant structure so the funding goes to the schools in need; make the schools more accountable to government. Standardize the curriculum and scoring

more teacher aides, specialized equipment of kids with dyslexia, autism, etc. School fundraising by kids for books, supplies, uniforms for kids so parents can afford supplies. Bring kids into the discussion of school budgets by doing something like this site. Make them feel they have a responsibility for each others education. Where the money goes and comes from.

Give students interest free loans instead of grants & make them responsible. Stop funding useless programs & invest in the education Manitoba needs. (Like Carpenter or Truck Driver)

eliminate all these school divisions in Winnipeg and have 1 school division only

Get rid of wasteful multiple useless school boards. So much waste. Would go lower if your slider would.

Get rid of the Faculty of Arts, get rid of the teaching programs that don't go to support peoples' futures. If you want to study philosophy do it outside of the classroom. Plato is much more interesting to read then anything you'll get in a university classroom anyway.

Change classroom structures to put those with diverse needs in similar classrooms. This would eliminate the need for the additional EA's and reduce education costs. It would also improve the level of education each student receives in the classroom. The EPTCCA needs revision - in some communities with a large immigrant population there are multiple families living in a small home that does not pay school taxes, yet there could be 20 kids in the home. Why should farmers, businesses and other residents have to bear the burden? It should not come off residential property taxes, but rather be applied as a small "credit" to each individual personal income tax deduction.

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

Streamline post secondary support to 50% toward demonstrated financial need (without racist requirements), and 50% to reward academic achievement. Not everyone can get a free education.

education should be free at all levels. and educated society contributes through their taxes and are more healthy and therefore less of a drain on the healthcare system. by providing good free education (including university) we would spend less in elsewhere

maintain the present funding we have to many schools that have expensive equipment that is not used because the teachers are not trained to instruct on the equipment the pay scale is a way to high the union wants more money this neede major change

Teachers are overpaid. It's a simple fact observable by the fact that after graduation you can expect to wait years before a full time job. My wife graduated almost a decade ago and still has no job. She would rather work for 75% of the wage than not at all.

Less management more money for front liners. Merit pay for hard working teachers. Make administrators(supt,asst supt,consultants, principals, vprincipals) continue to teach so they actually see where practices are and how they affect the classroom. Hire me and I can improve the system while cutting costs.

Get rid of half the top management in the school divisions and half of the consultants ...that extra money could go to teachers having smaller classrooms and resources for the children- books, etc.

Lower pension expectations and make benefits copay. Make salaries a more graduated scale.

I would have cheaper technology and computers for students in schools.

Eliminate all textbooks, photo copiers, printers, etc. Stream all course materials, and assignments and test to be completed through e-mail. Eventually eliminate the need for school infrastructure completely. This would also allow for all Manitobans to receive the same curriculum.

No employee of this department will earn more than \$45,000 for this year, including the minister.

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

Only guarantee base level education - additional fee for additional programs. offer lab access to technology-stop providing tablets/computers. split the education year and work through summer = Increase workload & grad sooner. lower subsidy on post secondary

freeze educational funding and hold teachers and school boards accountable when students do not meet or exceed national averages.

More investment in education, particularly for Indigenous youth. We need to work towards increasing high-school completion among Indigenous youth.

Prevent school divisions from wasting tax dollars by creating duplicate services such as IT infrastructure, spending millions on fibre optic cables, refusing to rationalize small schools and classrooms. Amalgamation of school divisions like what was done in healthcare could save money

I would not increase or decrease. I have two children (one in university and another in high school) and tire of the politically correct curriculum and inability to teach math. I am strongly opposed to unions and hope you deal firmly with the striking professors at U of M.

More training programs for First Nations members to become teachers for northern communities. More autism support programs since autism is on the rise.

Abolished school trustees positions as an out-dated relic suited for the mid 1900s. Change technological adoption usage (i.e. usage of the cloud) to streamline services to reduce unnecessary financial and resource expenses.

I would develop vocational programs on the first nation reserves to train our first nations youth in a career. Hair dressing, auto repair, drafting, plumbing, electrical, cooking, pharmacy technician, child care, construction, etc.

Increase funding to schools in poor areas and the North. One of the best ways to deal with poverty is through education.

in our small populated province we have far too many scool divisions which in turn we are paying for far too much administration costs. Northern, Rural, Brandon, Winnipeg, Francophone, Independent. This would help keep teacher, admin salaries even.

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

have families pay user fees to schools, close low enrollment schools, reuse technology

I would stop the amount that the school boards across Manitoba receive. They receive a lot from property taxes and yet there are so many things within their budget that could change.

Post secondary grants and scholarships are usually awarded by diversity (race) points, excluding the majority of students. Make any assistance merit and income based instead.

Again reward efficient Regions and Divisions.

end school trustees, amalgamate or close empty schools,

Make sure the educators are given the resources and respect they need to teach future leaders. Invest in research. Develop new programs, make sure all students across the province are educated well.

Revisit Teacher Salaries and staffing numbers. Bring in performance measurement for teachers. Amalgamate small rural schools. Demand better educational outcomes while reducing costs. Teachers unions need to bring solutions, not just demands.

Adult Learning and Literacy would be offered via distance learning. All the lectures, course materials, syllabus, assignments, projects are to be posted online. Student Assessment and Evaluation would also be conducted online.

Wages

Free bussing for French Emersion High school students should stopped...All students in Manitoba should be treated the same. Maybe family income should be a factor!...where they have the advantage to be able to afford to live there! Over the long run savings could be a lot \$400 per child per year. \$33,000 French Emersion students in Winnipeg .. how many high school students are bussed... how many will potentially be bussed through their 12 years of school? Rural students can also be included in this (high school students)

More investment in a secure basis in early years. Uncap tuition, but put more money into grants and bursaries.

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

Decrease the number of school divisions. There is no need for over 100. Lift the moratorium on closing schools. Lots of schools with less than 100 kids. That's a lot of money spent on a few kids.

I would bring in a 13% HST, and with that increase the budget from 2.7 billion to 3 billion, and all monies would go to renovations and upgrades to older schools (particularly the inner cities).

While it is important for education I think we spend an awful lot in this area and we may need to cut back until we get to a fiscal balance.

Less administration. Less pay for teachers. I would look at major overhaul of the current system. One of most expensive in country and least successful. Crazy.

do not agree with the change in classroom size for young children then jam packing kids into highschoools, they are now stuck with huge classes and too many spares because there are more kids in each highschoool kids are not able to take as many classes as they were able to because there is literally no room!

do away with the school trustees, amalgamate schools whose students capacity are half empty or empty

Invest in innovative ways to improve access to education focus on media sharing technology as to standardize all educational materials also easily update information move away from private schools take whatever government grants awarded to private reinforce public

increase tuition for post secondary.

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

I would ensure more efficient use of dollars at hand and really look at benefits from existing programs and trim those with least reward. I see schools increasing technological dependencies as a teaching aid. I understand that we live in a culture driven by it's use, and not all people can afford to provide these for students but; education does not need to be taught on these devices, obtained from, nor practiced on. Learning needs to be taught by reinstating fact gathering, calculations, and communication should be processed through our brains. We are currently teaching our youth to lose dependency on on their thought process and more on electronics. In the event of an EMP, how would they take care of living? These students that can not afford to provide devices through school-does that fact change when they leave school? how do they provide it moving beyond school? Buses requiring GPS installment?- Why? Hire drivers that know the area. These drivers are carrying our future. Do we want them distracted by GPS direction? It is already proven that distracted driving is at a critical level. With our student body being transported in buses without seat belts (which is fine) are these drivers going to pull over to look up their direction? All of these technological dependencies and more are ever becoming outdated and more expensive and frankly not required to learn in my humble opinion. They do not teach smart people, they teach dependence of a device.

Invest more into colleges with small to medium class sizes.

Invest more into post-college job placement.

Cut school board costs. One board in Winnipeg. One in Brandon and one for the rest of the province.

Increase investment in postsecondary education and training, particularly with tuition grants and removing the hold on salary increases for professors.

At least maintain the current funding for public schools (N-12) and force University of Manitoba to re-think their highly paid upper admin costs. It is not necessary to have such a top heavy (American style) admin burden. Public schools in MB are mostly excellent and funding should be maintained.

I would make post-secondary school free similar to Scandinavian models. I would ensure rural students have access to meaningful French Immersion (ie. Not bussed an hour away). I would ensure Sustainable Living is a prominent theme in all school (garbage less lunches, community minded consumerism, etc). Which would reduce some costs as well

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

Reduce post secondary education funding. Everyone can get student loans and pay them off if they try hard in school and work to succeed. There shouldn't be a free education as there is no free lunch in reality. Huge debt being incurred by students are a result of their laziness and lacking to want to work. I went to University then to college and I was able to pay it all off. Worked always and tried hard. Laziness is not an option. Maintain and improve elementary and high school education. New math is garbage, we should be looking at the other nations in the world and how they are teaching. China seems to have a better education than Canada. Their math is far superior than anything we have. Learn from others and make less mistakes instead of try and fail attempts.

Provide support for home-schooling families, somewhat similar to Alberta. It saves the government piles of money by not paying for those students in public school, reduces (to a degree) the need to expand schools so quickly, and helps out families at the same time. We received \$1500/year per child for school related expenses. Even half of that would be awesome.

Spend less on administration and add more funding for schools, transportation. Too much burden is being placed on the parents. 20-30 years ago parents didn't pay for lunch fees (\$75 per child) and they didn't lose bus transportation after grade 6 - bus service was provided for students up to grade 12 if their school was too far to walk! Many kids aren't ready to ride public transit at age 12 and parents are stuck in a difficult situation and it makes it difficult to juggle work and family because of this.

I'm a believer in education, but I would look at creating more useable post secondary education...co-op programs, skim the fat from the U of M arts program that employs teachers but creates no employable skills for students

Education is very important to the economy. A well educated population provides growth and innovation. I think they could easily trim many programs however. Bussing children to Immersion programs and setting up separate classrooms for them is a waste. French is an official language but Ukrainian Immersion should be paid by those who want it, not the tax payer. Developers should be required to kick in for education. Why are we building schools for new developments or bussing kids because of where the new homes are being built? Close schools when enrollment drops to a certain level.

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

Education costs are out of control, take the education money from the general funds, even increasing PST because right now education tax on properties is starting to kill our small businesses which all big business starts as a small business , and need to get rid of tenure for teachers which is absurd! Hard to get rid of a bad teacher right now, could never run a business with tenure!

More spending on R&D at U of M to tackle climate change.

Less focus on tuition rates, more focus on bursaries for low income students. The U of M, horribly inefficient and provides middling value for the dollars invested.

University: Need to trim the system. Fewer institutions that financially rewards those fewer students with good grades. Trade Schools: keep current levels. Elementary/High: less emphasis on costly better and newer buildings and more on teaching.

Reduce the myriad of school divisions to the fewest possible; one for English, one for French, maybe one for French Immersion programs. Reducing from the many school boards to one will save dollars that can better spent on schools. All tax credit for private schools as well.

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

More funds to support students whose needs are currently well met. We need to ask the questions: who is/isn't graduating? What factors influence students' ability to function well in classes? What types of programs exist for students who do not do well in regular classes? Currently, we seem to jump to proposed solutions and throw money at them, without spending enough time understanding the nature of the problem in the first place. For example, this year the province provided grants to schools to create more after school programming in order to try to get marginalized students to "buy in" to school, without having any idea if/why this would work.

In addition, it is important to recognize that the cost of education is currently being supplemented by parents and teachers. Parents pay school fees (we pay \$50 per child), lunch program fees, field trip costs, etc. Teachers often pay out of pocket for books, classroom supplies, and food for students. Teachers and other school staff also spent considerable personal time applying for grants that further supplement the cost of education.

School divisions should be required to be accountable for their spending. Why are some divisions adding programs without even being certain that they can staff them in the future? Why does one division offer free nursery school, while students in other areas of the city and province do not? Education should be equitable across the province.

Invest more in skilled worker education like electricians or plumbers or carpenters. It will pay off in the long run. And make report cards easier. So much time is lost by teachers making super complicated report cards. Time they should spend teaching!! And get rid of homeschooling!! It is a disaster... it's a form of child abuse. And stop looking at the American education system. They are way more efficient and cost effective in Europe

Increase city, municipal, regional property taxes to address the needs locally. Manitoba already has some of the lowest tuition for post secondary education in Canada. The federal government should be responsible for post secondary funding to make it an even playing field for colleges and universities nation wide.

Maintain

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

More investment needed to review the school curriculum to include important preventive subjects such as mental health and physical activity

Education is eroding in Manitoba, we need investment. It is more critical than even health care. Post-secondary should be affordable for everyone - there is an urban/rural divide because of living expenses for rural students. Close low occupancy rural schools & bus them.

I would pay for the essentials needed, but school boards have gotten out of hand with paying for all kinds of things - laptops, musical instruments, school supplies. The amount of tax paid on farm land is outrageous and needs to be lowered.

Decrease education investments, but increase funding/development of elderly care housing. Combine some formal education opportunities with the new PCH beds (massage therapy, recreational therapy, hairdressing, health care aides, dietary, etc)

More teachers and pay them what they are worth, but hinge that on tenure being deserved and not a right. Fix existing facilities so new ones don't need to be built unless necessary.

I would increase the budget with the sole intention of allocating those funds to MORE TEACHERS/SMALL CLASS SIZES and actual resources, not to paychecks for board members/trustees/HR/Superintendents/clerks.

Our classrooms are too big. As a teacher, how can I properly teach and assess the multitude of needs in my grade ... class of ... children? Either lower the class sizes, or lower curricular and assessment expectations.

End the tuition cap. Universities need to be viable. Additional funding should come from students not gov. University education costs enough already that it is likely already a barrier to low income families. I don't see a decision to attend university hinging on a \$1000 per student difference. If you can't afford \$6000 you likely can't afford \$5000. Financial aid and scholarships make more sense as a solution for those who can't afford it.

Again, less bureacracy...put the money into technology and learning tools.

University is a very expensive and inefficient way of receiving an education. There is not enough incentive for innovation under current funding levels.

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

Ensure that teachers are properly trained to teach literacy and numeracy skills to all students. All Kindergarten to Grade 3 teachers need to be trained in Reading Recovery and Intervention Preventive en Lecture et É%ocriture.

Get rid of useless programs and educators. Focus on core issues and stop trying to reinvent the wheel

What a diappointment: an organization that is over paid and nothing to show for it. A long highway to no where. Transparency accountability responsibility are nonexistent...

There is far too much technology going on in schools. Children are struggling with the basics of reading and writing. Smart-boards and Ipads are two things that I consider a complete waste of money. They are expensive to begin with, expensive to install and purchase and expensive to maintain while providing very little educational benefit. Too much screen time for kids in school.

Go back to funding the essentials. Reward proven achievement with reasonable bursaries, end unconditional universal and ethnically targeted free (taxpayer) money.

Cap the salaries of the Presidents of Universities and pay the teaching staff-Professors

More funding to service grants on student loan services. Education is the future of our province.

Costs at post secondary institutions need a haircut

Revamp School boards , what do they do exactly? Why do we pay so much on our property tax bill and Manitoba has some of the lowest scores in the country for math and english. Why do we have so many school divisions in Winnipeg vs other cities much larger than ours?

Load busses up full with students to lower fuel costs and wages on bus drivers

Increase the ratio of students to teachers. Everyone was fine before these lower ratios. Just a waste of cash.

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

Much less money on teachers benefits and pension, fewer school boards. Leave the salaries unchanged but make the pensions and benefits sustainable. My kids have had amazing teachers and some not so great teachers, maybe tie compensation to performance (like the private sector). I think all public sector employees in Manitoba should have benefits and pensions that match the private sector. Also, close small schools. Finally Chapman school is closing after years of very low enrollment, and schools nearby that could have easily accepted the students. Make decisions based on economic reasons, it will benefit all residents of Manitoba.

I believe it is more important to invest in the public school system for elementary/high school education. Post Secondary education costs may go up if we see that Manitoba is a leader in high quality specialized training. Also, I see an opportunity for post-secondary training to be more supported by industry. Encourage industry/companies to become more involved in supporting post-secondary education and offer tax breaks to those companies.

Reduce number of teachers

Cuts to admin staff, school boards, not teachers. Let principles have more say, power as to what goes on in their schools. Give them full control over their school budget trimming the staff who make up the school divisions. Admin staff.

We send our children to a funded independent school. We pay a lot of money to ensure a specific education for our children. Independent schools in Manitoba saved the government \$71,000,000 in 2015. Please consider this savings to Manitoba and allow us to claim this tuition expense in the future.

I'd like to INCREASE investment in youth engagement, trades education, arts education, and services that prepare students for the job market, but there's no money for it. There's probably something you could reduce or streamline. School boards maybe?

Education can be going for a walk and having a teacher describe the environment around you. Kids don't need ski trips, brand new textbooks or anything. Most of us 30+ never had new textbooks, and kids hardly ever read them. youtube is the new textbook

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

Funding for students with special needs, reopening special needs classrooms, access to better support for families in need and crisis, better classroom support for teachers, education for the public to understand the roles and responsibilities education and teachers play in the lives of students.

Education is proven to return far more than invested. Invest in our youth.

Recognize gifted students as 'special needs' and give them specialized teaching

In Winnipeg we have too many school divisions, the bloated number of school divisions and administrators is ridiculous. We need to make schools competitive, and allow kids to go to the schools that are the best and the allocated dollars follow the kids. Reduce costs and revamp the whole system. We need to support the universities by helping them set up endowment funds like the ones at Harvard, we have very low tuition rates so these must be raised to adequately support the university professors, and crumbling buildings. Savings in elementary and high school could be channeled into university. We also need to model our education system after the Germans, kids un-interested in a university track should be channeled earlier into skilled trades. This would mean setting up trade schools, for carpentry, electrical, plumbing, tool and die, cad cam manufacturing, cad cam design, air cond and re Fridgeration. We have tons of retired seniors that could help teach at the trade schools, we need to use them before their knowledge is lost. Those that then make it to university should have more funding available in the forms of bursaries, loans, or tuition rebates for doing well.

If there is any subsidy provided to private schools I would redirect these monies to the public system.

No government funding for post secondary education. It is the function of the private sector to invest in the training of their future employees and this would result in fewer students pursuing degrees that will never lead to employment.

Encore faisons l'exercice du cout des professeurs, du cout des services administratifs, cout de nos batiments/locaux. C'est quoi le ratio postes administratifs vs professeurs. Combien d'eleves diviser par le nombre de professeur. Meme calcul pour les postes administratifs. Y a t il trop d'organisation pour controller l'education ? L'administration coutent tres cher. Le modele a besoin d'etre revu.

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

- increase funding for special needs children

- stop funding special interest schools

- reduce public funding for 'gifted' kids in favor of IB programs

Eliminate school boards and place more administration on the principals and the department of education.

The municipalities spent years to scratch back the Provincial Government portion of education spending after the Filmon government dumped it all on municipal taxes which was a disaster.

As a parent of two teenage daughters, I see too much waste within the education system on courses that really do not provide any long term benefits on their future. The curriculum in my opinion needs some serious change

Take childcare facilities out of the Education budget or a least have a moratorium until the economy turns around. Review ridiculous building codes reduce the number of initiatives that the gov't or divisions can't afford e.g. grade XII phys ed & replacing science labs.

Given the province's debt, our educators should be wise enough to understand that increasing funds may not be possible until we are in a position to do so. It's simple math.

Less focus on standards tests and more focus on finding out what students' strengths and interests are. Smaller high schools.

you have to a least maintain the level that its at.

It will be a painful process but teachers should not be receiving raises if students are not improving. Pay good teachers more and remove under-performing ones. There is no reason for a person to make 100,000 per year just because they have stayed at a job for 10 years. Any extra curricular sports, clubs, field trips etc should be paid by students. School tax should be eliminated from farm land. The current process is not working with rebates that do not come close to covering the costs. Farmers spend a lot of the money they make in retail businesses. Their retirement is based off of them selling their land, not from investing in foreign funds etc. They keep their money close to home

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

There are already enough resources, teachers are overpaid, many students watch movies 2x per month.

Invest in sports and arts

Education is a right not a privilege, Post secondary education should be free for all citizens.

Force the consolidation of the school boards. There is no reason justifying all this administration. Redundancy is rampant.

Encourage private schools which are at least partially funded by the students who attend.

Paper and printers are wasted enormously in schools.

Do children really need expensive gadgets like iPads or Microsoft surface ? Why not to purchase something like like Samsung tablet or Chrome book that is twice cheaper ?

Classroom sizes should be reduced. More teachers hired.

Mandarory retirement for teachers in order to get younger teachers with a lower pay bracket in. Also lower the maximum pay bracket from the current one

i would leave funding the same but allow schools to raise funds for school improvements.

Maintain investment levels. As fewer children enter the system the same level of funding should slowly bring up the quality of schools. Hopefully child enrolment increases, if that occurs we can think about increasing funding at that point.

Merge school districts cutting many redundant management jobs. Sell any administrative buildings that are no longer required after merging districts.

no reductions!

Purchases of electronics. Encourage more traditional forms of learning.

Teachers unions have become too strong. Teachers earn significant salaries yet only work 9 months. Wages and benefits need to be reduced. There are thousands of trained but unemployed teachers who would willingly work for less just to have a job. Limit the number of spots for education majors in universities and use that Savings to fund spaces for family doctor training.

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

maintain

early years

Close rural schools where combined classes include more than two grade levels. Teachers have a difficult enough time with core math and English requirements let alone three curriculums in all other subject areas. Three grade level classrooms are a disservice to students for the sake of keeping a school open.

Get away from overpaid union jobs in teaching

The school divisions should be amalgamated

Decrease....way too much money spend on teachers who are doing personal business on business time. Go internet learning with teacher aides. Teachers are not as important as they think they are. Kids learn if and when they want to. Like the rest of the working world, teachers need to work the overtime at home like the rest of us.

Education like any other sector needs to have increases to keep up with inflation and increasing costs such as looking after immigrant children adequately, How much that takes I do not know

I would change how teachers teach. I would change the education structure itself; much like our healthcare I would eliminate the top-heavy bloated management and administration staff and wasteful salaries and invest directly in our front-line staff and support services. I would invest in sensible programs and curriculum for our children. I would overhaul schools back to academic institutions for preparatory development, instead of the social services management centers they've become... our children are failing because we are failing them; they're not being taught; instead they're being "facilitated" to "cope" through their crucial academic years, which is a far cry from teaching them to think critically and to excel.

The top heavy management needs to be reduced.How is it possible chief superintendent makes more than the premier of Manitoba.

Make the employees work hard. Provide interest free loan instead of paying for college education.

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

I had to work while going to school as well as take student loans to pay for University - I don't think it should be free or costs reduced. A degree or diploma is an investment - it takes time and your own money to see the value.

amalgamate school divisions across the province to reduce duplication in services and administration. Focus on teaching fundamentals, not wasting time and money on field trips and programs that don't produce functional skills.

Decrease tuition fee paid my post secondary students which can then lower student loans and other debts.

Develop standard curriculum that can be delivered via the internet so that all students get the same quality of education. Have teachers focus on applying that learning in the class room.

Early childhood development. Preschool for at risk populations. Invest in online education software to support teachers decrease pay for teachers.

decrease education investments and have more international students pay for more educational studies

Increase budget to science& Math, increase funding to after school/before school care & meal plans. reduce funding to social studies as it primarily teaches Christianity & British History. Funding to semi-private religious schools should be cut deeply

Provide funding for middle aged population

Get rid of maximum classroom size for grades 1-3 and reduce number of teachers. Remove PSE tuition freeze. Get rid of tax credit for post-PSE grads.

You must look for efficiencies first.

Decrease capital spending and maintain facilities in place at post secondary level and k-12.

Keep class sizes the same but reduce administration at all levels.

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

I would maintain this amount, but spend it better. Too much funding is spent with few results. Training needs to be tied directly to employment. Especially in the north, too many programs are funded/people trained for jobs that are not there. Example: why would you train 12 heavy duty equipment operators or business administrators in a remote northern community?..Funders need to be accountable to providing what they say they are going to provide..

One school division for Winnipeg. Close Manitoba university faculties if government policy is to encourage immigration of "professionals".

The province should look at consolidating the school divisions aimed at a more centralized model to gain efficiencies and remove redundancies. A system of performance measures need to brought in to ensure the education system in Manitoba is achieving the expected results.

Teachers should be paid for the work they do, not their qualifications...Extend the hours/days kids are in school. Cut out out of country trips. go back to special schools for the children who need it. Use more technology-based specialty training (video conference-type)

Teacher's salaries have sky rocketed and should be looked at. The 20 student limit per classroom should be lifted and those 300 and some new positions (that were created) to take care of smaller class sizes should be looked at as well.

adjust pensions for teachers

Too many teachers, teachers assistants. It seems teachers want to do everything but teach reading writing and arithmetic. Time they just taught those and not try to do everything else. We have the lowest marks when it comes to math. Time for that to change.

again, lowering income tax rates should cover the additional cost of tuition costs that would be put on parents. My wife and I home school our children at our own expense and also have to pay the government for the public school system we don't use.

Post secondary education is necessary for creating legitimate jobs for millennials, we want really job opportunities not just low paying jobs

get rid of useless university professors

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

"Increasing" the education budget hasn't improved academic results. Use the results of numerous surveys to find where the Province is deficient, Concentrate on areas that need work and use "standards" testing in grades 6-12 to see how you're doing. Reward the teachers & schools that do well. I could give you a litany of situations & suggestions.

Hire more teachers and EAs. Focus on having teachers specifically trained for the subject area they are teaching. Eg: someone with a background in science teaching science or a music specialist teaching music. Also, schools at all levels should have comprehensive music programs.

Same as above. There has to be wastefulness that can be found.

Education is the key to a childs future. No teachers should be able to strike as they hold the power to unlock the future, just as no university prof should be able to strike as students are paying a lot of money to go to post secondary school

Education will be the decider for how we grow as a province, more than anything else. Knowing how to integrate technology should be our focus.

maintain - most of those costs are salaries - the collective agreement could be limited to cost of living increases.

keep it the same

No comment other than to say today's young people in general do not seem well prepared (emotionally or intellectually) beyond high school. They need better information about the ever changing workforce etc., in order to make better decisions. If we want them to become educated and stay in the province, we need the jobs to keep them here, not just tax breaks. And we need to guide them in terms of letting them know where those jobs will be 5-10 years from now. Leading them down a garden path full of weeds is not working.

amalgamate or closed near empty schools.

University education is not a right, it is an investment made by the parents of the children. Why should I pay for someone else's education? Universities should be fee for service, if you can pay you go, if not, get a job and save up first. Prioritize trades training and technical skills, jow may fine arts grads do we really need? education has to be targeted.

If you would increase or decrease educations investments, what would you change?

Responses

The school system needs work. Honestly less funding won't make a difference. Wasting time every year teaching kids a different way to do *simple math questions* when $1+1=2$ is good enough. Quit complicating things and making bubble kids. The world is passing North America over. Do a youtube search for (Japanese kid does abacus crazy fast). After so many years they can do these calculations without the physical abacus and just twitch their fingers a bit doing massive calculations...

I WOULD INVEST IN EARLY LEARNING AND SCHOOL OT, SPEECH AND PHYSIO THERAPISTS

Stop urban sprawl and the need to build new schools in those areas.

I think the costs for education need to be the same. I believe that well educated children, become well educated and well employed adults, which in turn will help the economy. In saying that parents need to be expected to play a part in their children's education.

Less grants for post secondary education. Remove mb bursary

Replace some teachers near retirement with new ones, reduce subsidies to private schools (especially religious ones), divert university funds to k-12 schools, increase taxes to corporations and the wealthy to pay for university shortfalls

Education funds are also assisted by the school boards increases which continues to go up. School boards should be abolished. School boards should incorporate daycare and preschool in there system.

Let's consider either reducing the number of school divisions or eliminating this archaic concept. As with Health Authorities, we could have a smaller number of Education Authorities. without the need for elected school trustees. The savings could be significant.

Reduce post secondary, reduce training and require private sector to contribute to training

Cut back massive educational bureacracy. Number of board members have skyrocketed, but no improvement in education quality.