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MUNICIPAL RELATIONS

Important Notice to All Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers

PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX PHASE OUT

In 2021, Manitoba began phasing out education property taxes by implementing the Education Property Tax Rebate. The Department is aware that federal government agencies and departments have as a result withheld some Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) owing to municipalities until its obligations were clarified.

Municipalities have a legislated requirement under the Public Schools Act to remit the provincial Education Support Levy and school division Special Levies by January 31 of each year. Municipalities do not have the authority to withhold any owing amounts.

Manitoba will ensure municipalities do not experience a loss in revenue due to the shortfall in PILT payments from the federal government equivalent to the Education Property Tax rebate. Municipalities will first be required to confirm that Education Support Levy and Special Levy amounts owing have been paid in full.

Department staff will provide details directly to impacted municipalities in the coming weeks. Information will be shared as soon as it is available.

For questions regarding the phase out of Education Property Taxes, please contact Manitoba Government Inquiry at 204-945-3744 or 1-866-626-4862.

Should you require other assistance, please email mrmaas@gov.mb.ca, or phone 204-945-2572 to speak to a Municipal Services Officer.

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