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MUNICIPAL RELATIONS

Important Notice to Chief Administrative Officers

PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES – REQUEST TO COMPLETE 2021 RECONCILIATION TEMPLATE

In 2021, Manitoba began phasing out education property taxes by implementing the Education Property Tax Rebate. Federal government agencies and departments have withheld some Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) owing to municipalities on their understanding that their payments would be equally adjusted for the rebate.

Despite federal payments, 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.

This bulletin is to inform you of the process related to Manitoba ensuring municipalities do not experience a net loss due to the any shortfall due to the difference between the reduced federal PILT amount owing and the amount owed by municipalities to school divisions.

To enable provincial payment for these shortfalls, municipalities must complete the attached template confirming outstanding PILT balances for each property where PILT was underpaid in 2021. Municipalities are also required to confirm that 2021 Education Support Levy and Special Levy amounts owing have been paid in full.

The attached template should be completed and uploaded to MMO by **July 20, 2022** to ensure amounts can be considered for payment in September 2022.

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 assistance with this template, please email <u>mrmaas@gov.mb.ca</u>, or phone 204-945-2572 to speak to a Municipal Services Officer.

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