

## BILL 71 - THE EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION ACT




The Manitoba Government has introduced a bill to begin phasing out education tax from property tax bills, though it is not guaranteed to pass before the end of the spring session.

Bill 71 will allow for a 25% reduction of school tax through a rebate on farm and residential properties and 10% on other properties. In future years government may increase these tax percentages by regulation.


School divisions will receive a \$22 million grant to offset the drop in revenue. However, the Manitoba Government has not said how they will permanently replace school funding or sustain it.

Even with a substantial provincial budget deficit forecasted, the government is following through with the promise on this tax despite the impact of the pandemic, which resulted in a record \$2 billion deficit this year, and another \$1.6 billion deficit forecasted for next year.

The Manitoba School Boards Association has registered to speak on this bill during the committee hearings which are happening on **MONDAY, MAY 10, at 6:00 p.m.** Boards and individuals can register to speak to Bill 71 by visiting the [Legislative Assembly website](#).



**FACT:**  
Education is the second largest investment made in Manitoba. The central government will solely control access to money that flows to our schools and local communities under Bill 64.



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## BILL 64 TOOLKIT

The Bill 64 toolkit is now available online for all school divisions, districts and school boards in Manitoba. We have many resources for several different communication mediums (social media, virtual presentations, print media, speaking points) that can be customized to fit your audience and division. For details on how to access this online resource page, please check in with your board chair or [email](#) Janis Arnold at the Manitoba School Boards Association for further information.



## SAVE THE DATE!

The Manitoba School Boards Association Fall PD and General Meeting is set to take place virtually on Friday, November 5, 2021. Keep your eye on our [website](#) for updates.



## GET READY TO #GETREAL

From May 3-9, 2021, #GetReal about how you feel and celebrate CMHA's 70th annual Mental Health Week.

The objective of Mental Health Week is to shift societal beliefs and perceptions about mental health. It helps promote behaviours and attitudes that foster well-being, support good mental health and create a culture of understanding and acceptance.

Visit [www.mentalhealthweek.ca](http://www.mentalhealthweek.ca) for information, helpful articles and free downloadable communications tools to help you celebrate CMHA Mental Health Week.



## CANADIAN HEALTHY SCHOOLS ALLIANCE NEW WEBSITE

The Canadian Healthy Schools Alliance is a Canada-wide network of organizations (including the Canadian School Boards Association), promoting health and well-being in school communities to improve learning and set students up for lifelong success.



Equipped with a more comprehensive approach to well-being, their goal is to help every school in Canada tend to their community's individual and collective health so that each and every student gets a fair chance at success.

Visit their [website](#) to discover support in building and maintaining healthy school communities at the district, school or classroom level.

