

BILL 64 BACKGROUNDER

On March 15, 2021, the Manitoba Government issued tentative plans under Bill 64, the *Education Modernization Act* for significant changes to the Manitoba school system.



Based on preliminary observations, these changes do not include a plan to address the needs of children in poverty, which remains the single largest factor influencing Manitoba's national and international test scores (*PISA 2018 Insights and Interpretations, Schleicher*). This, while Manitoba remains one of the world's best and leading systems of education, according to these same international scores.

The Government has proposed many structural changes that will impact parents, teachers, staff and administrators to achieve yet-to-be-identified savings of \$40 million. To find out how this bill will impact ALL Manitobans, including students, parents, community members, business owners, teachers, principals and frontline staff, visit www.localvoices.ca.



Please read [Bill 64](#) to fully understand the proposed changes. Need help understanding the 327 pages included in the Bill? Please contact the [Government](#) for any questions you may have.

#SIGN UP FOR 64

It is not too late to sign up to speak to the Bill 64 legislative committee. ALL MANITOBANS (individuals or groups) are eligible to participate in person or in writing and can register by calling the Office of the Clerk at 204-945-3636 or by emailing committees@leg.gov.mb.ca. (Provide your full name and include a reference to Bill 64 in the subject line). For tips on presenting to the Legislative Committee, be sure to check out this [handy guide](#). For the most up to date news on MSBA advocacy efforts, follow us on social media and check out the website localvoices.ca.

WHY SHOULD YOU SIGN UP FOR 64?

Because sweeping changes are being proposed regarding education in Manitoba!

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DEMOCRATIC VOICE ELIMINATED

Once implemented, the proposed changes outlined in Bill 64 will eliminate community elected representation. Programming will be directed by large regional administrations serving many more students and communities. Harmonization by the Provincial Educational Authority opens the possibility to regional boards being directed to follow province-wide curricula, with a loss of dollars going toward local community-based [programs](#). If local choice in school programming is important to you and your community, [contact your MLA](#) and make your voice heard.

Keeping Indigenous culture alive at school

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The voices of our local community guided the School District of Mystery Lake to make the local choice to establish Wapanohk Community School as a Cree bilingual school. The school provides increased supports for students and families and extended evening activities for community and family engagement. The focus on Indigenous culture includes extensive land-based training and a school yard complete with a trapper's cabin and other traditional landscaping.

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OECD REPORT: STATE OF EDUCATION ONE YEAR INTO THE PANDEMIC

In 2020, 1.5 billion students in 188 countries/economies were locked out of their schools. Students everywhere have been faced with schools that are open one day and closed the next, causing massive disruption to their learning.

With the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic still raging, many education systems are still struggling, and the situation is constantly evolving.

The OECD – in collaboration with UNESCO, UNICEF and The World Bank – has been monitoring the situation across countries and collecting data on how each system is responding to the crisis, from school closures and remote learning, to teacher vaccination and gradual returns to in-class instruction.

This [report](#) presents the preliminary findings from this survey, providing a snapshot of the situation one year into the COVID crisis.

