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Dear Minister Schmidt,

Several resolutions were passed by our members during our Annual 2026 convention, which fall under your exclusive authority as Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning. We would like to arrange a meeting with you in near future, to discuss how we might work together to identify strategies and plans to address the significant needs and requirements that have recently been identified and endorsed by our membership.

**Resolution SB-02-26—Comprehensive Review of The Public Schools Act,**

**Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning to undertake a comprehensive review of *The Manitoba Public Schools Act* to ensure language, references, terminology and outdated information are updated or corrected in consultation with MSBA.**

Rationale:

*The Public Schools Act* was last consolidated in July, 1987. Since that time, while amendments have been made, we believe that after 38 years, a wholesale review is required to ensure it is reflective of current and appropriate references and language, and that inaccurate and outdated information is removed or corrected.

In addition to the above resolution, our members also passed **Resolution FFM-01-26 –Increased Funding to Support Student Needs.**

**WHEREAS the current funding level is insufficient to provide the necessary support staff and professional resources, particularly in rural areas, resulting in teachers being required to assume responsibilities beyond classroom instruction.**

**WHEREAS schools are increasingly expected to provide essential supports such as school supplies, breakfast, snacks, and lunch, feminine hygiene products, and elements of homecare, reducing the time and resources available for teaching the curriculum.**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Board Association lobby the Manitoba government for additional financial supports and sustainable funding to assist with the ever growing financial pressures due to the increasing number of students with high and complex needs attending Manitoba schools.**

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Rationale:

Student needs are increasing, while available resources are decreasing. Rising costs and a shortage of professional supports are placing significant strain on school divisions, especially in rural communities. Teachers are spending less time on curriculum and more on providing social, emotional, and physical supports to students

**Resolution EP-02-26 – Early and Middle Years Health Curriculum (Bike and E-Scooter Safety)**

**petition Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning to update the Health Curriculum in early and middle years to further emphasize bike safety and the safe use of power-assisted bicycles and e-scooters.**

Rationale:

Currently, bike safety is covered at various points in the early and middle years Health Curricula; however, the curricula are outdated with the increased use of e-scooters and power-assisted bicycles. An increasing number of children and young people are using e-scooters. Recently, the Canadian Institute for Health Information published a study that showed a 22% increase in hospitalizations from e-scooter injuries across the country (from 2023-2024). As the use of e-scooters and power-assisted bicycles become more prevalent amongst Manitoba youth, the curricula should be updated to address bike safety and the safe use of power-assisted bicycles and e-scooters.

**Resolution EO-01-26 – Review of School Partnerships, A Guide for Parents, Schools and Communities**

**Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning to undertake a review of the 2005 document *School Partnerships; A Guide for Parents, Schools and Communities*, with a goal of providing a more current document that recognizes and supports the role of parents, schools, and communities in the educational success of learners.**

Rationale:

With the dissolution of the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC) as the voice for parents, there is an opportunity to support parents, schools and communities with formalized guidance. The [School Partnerships guide](#) was a valuable resource that is now outdated.

Alan Campbell, Director of Advocacy & Public Affairs can be reached at [acampbell@mbschoolboards.ca](mailto:acampbell@mbschoolboards.ca) at any time to arrange for a meeting with yourself and members of our Provincial Executive. On behalf of MSBA, we thank you in advance for your consideration of our concerns and look forward to working with you to achieve constructive outcomes for our students, staff and communities.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mona Pandey, Deputy Minister, Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning