



The Manitoba Association of School Superintendents (MASS) represents a dynamic group of educational leaders from across the province. MASS members provide leadership and support to the students, staff and families engaged in public education.

Over the past year, school divisions have been focused on supporting students, staff and families through the ever-changing landscape of a global pandemic. Superintendents' teams have provided leadership and worked together with school-based administrators, families, school boards and the Departments of Education and Public Health, to ensure every effort has been made to keep students, staff and families safe while ensuring purposeful and engaging learning for students and staff. This work continues as we prepare for the 2021 – 2022 school year.

During the latter part of the school year, the announcement of Bill 64 and the BEST strategy has created an additional agenda on which to focus. MASS believes reconnecting students with school post pandemic should be the primary focus for the 2021–2022 school year. In addition, our members have grave concerns about many elements of Bill 64, the BEST strategy and implementation timelines. Further consultation with MASS regarding the direction and content of the educational and curricular change is essential.

MASS is supportive of positive change and would welcome the opportunity to participate in a collaborative process with government and educational partners to prioritize areas of focus and strategies that support greater equity, inclusive practices, and increased student achievement, to enhance learning outcomes for our students.

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