



Standing Together for Safe Schools

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In Manitoba, five organizations represent what are commonly referred to as the public education partners. These include the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils, the Manitoba Association of School Business Officials, the Manitoba Association of School Superintendents, the Manitoba School Boards Association, and The Manitoba Teachers' Society.

Over the course of many years of close cooperation and partnership, we have represented the interests of our respective memberships while working in solidarity towards one common and overarching objective: ensuring that public education remains one of Manitoba's most vital institutions.

We share a mutual interest and responsibility for ensuring that schools are inclusive spaces where every student belongs, and all members of the school community are safe.

As a coalition of education partners, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting:

- *safe, caring and inclusive schools*
- *the physical, emotional, and psychological well-being of all students and staff*
- *human rights, and the dignity and worth of every member of our community*
- *the essential partnership between families and schools*

An intentional attack on students, families, teachers, and staff is an attack on the integrity of public education.

We stand together and reaffirm our commitment to confronting discrimination, intolerance, intimidation, prejudice, and disinformation intended to undermine public education as a trusted institution.