

Public schools matter to everyone!

Everyone has a stake in the success of public schools. When schools are strong and students succeed, we all benefit.

The more people who care about and get involved with their local schools, the stronger those schools become. Students and their families, community members, social agencies and business people all have a role to play, whether it's in the classroom, the boardroom, or at the ballot box at election time.

Why public schools matter

- Public schools give all kids access to a first class education.
- Public schools exemplify diversity and teach tolerance.
- Strong public schools develop strong citizens.
- Public schools play a role in building a skilled and knowledgeable workforce.
- Good public schools are good for business and the local economy.

School boards matter too

- School boards set goals for student achievement, and evaluate progress towards those goals.
- School boards adopt budgets that reflect community priorities for kids and schools.
- School boards determine which optional courses and programs are offered.
- School boards hire the administrators who manage operations and provide educational leadership.
- School boards advocate for kids, schools and communities.

How can YOU make a difference?

- Become actively involved in your child's school. Get to know the teachers and principal, and volunteer when you can. Looking for more involvement? Why not join the parent council?
- Keep informed about what's happening in your school division. Check out the division's website or newsletter, attend a school board meeting, or volunteer in a local school. Have a question about something you hear or see? Ask!
- Your tax dollars support local schools. Find out how your money is being spent. Every school board in Manitoba holds at least one public budget consultation, and they welcome suggestions and questions from the community. Your input can make a difference to students.

To learn more, contact your local school board office or
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