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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Re: Report of the Commission on K to 12 Education release

Education Minister Cliff Cullen has released the Commission on K to 12 Education Report and the Province of Manitoba's response and initial plans for implementation.

There is a lot of information for us to review and understand in these documents, however, the key point is that Winnipeg School Division and your child's school are continuing business as usual. All of our current programming will continue to be provided to our students while the legislative process unfolds.

Minister Cullen has stated that his department's priority is to maintain stability in the classroom for students, parents, and the broader school community. As such, there will be no immediate changes in everyday school life. Policies for school catchment and schools of choice remain the same. The province has indicated that they expect the changes to the governance structure to be implemented by July 1, 2022, with the Provincial Education Authority possibly being established as early as this fall.

We will maintain our focus on delivering the excellent education programming for which Winnipeg School Division is known. We have seen our students' continuous improvement in reading, writing and mathematics over the past several years, with our results surpassing Provincial rates.

The Province's timeline is as follows:

Spring/Summer 2021

- Consult with parents, parent advisory councils, and school staff on the role parents can and should play in decision making, and the role and process for school community councils.
- Consult with education staff and stakeholders on priority actions.
- Call for proposals and engagement for several large-scale priority actions including a curriculum review panel, a new assessment framework, and a funding review.

Fall 2021

- Release a road map for the implementation of the priority actions and the timelines for change.

As early as November 2021

- Provincial Education Authority established, with the changes to the current school trustee system expected by July 1, 2022.

We will work with Manitoba Education to ensure we maintain the gains made with our students over the past decade. We all have the same goal – excellence in education for our students. We will continue to support our students and hard-working staff in every way possible throughout these proposed changes.

WSD senior administration, along with the board of trustees, is reviewing Manitoba Education's documents and proposed changes to determine how they will impact our staff, our students and you, our families, and we will meet with the Minister and his department at every opportunity to ensure the best possible future for our students.

Thank you for your continued support of your community school and the Winnipeg School Division.

Respectfully,
Senior Administration
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