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“Preparing Today’s Learner for Tomorrow”

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Dear ISD Families,

The provincial government’s recent release of [*Better Education Starts Today*](#) proposes significant changes for Kindergarten to Grade 12 education in Manitoba including the dissolution of the Interlake School Division. The potential impact on students, staff, and communities is an immediate focus of province-wide conversation. This letter aims to ensure all ISD families receive the same message and understand how to have their voice included in this important conversation.

The proposed changes shared with Manitobans last week by Education Minister Cliff Cullen are the elected government’s response to the recommendations of the [*Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education*](#) completed in 2019. Whether you agree or disagree with the proposed changes, your voice is needed. Manitobans are invited to tell elected officials at the local and provincial levels what they think prior to legislation being finalized and passed. Your voice can be heard in a number of ways including:

- Completion of Engage MB’s online survey which is open until April 6: [click here](#)
- Reaching out to members of ISD’s locally-elected Board of Trustees: [click here](#)
- Reaching out to locally-elected members of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly: [click here](#)

Students always have and will continue to come first in ISD. Our schools and divisional staff work hard to respond to the needs of our communities and are making a difference for students and for families. The ISD Team will continue our focus on providing high-quality experiences for students and will meet the upcoming challenges and opportunities with the interests of our communities first.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'M Ward'.

Margaret Ward
ISD Superintendent/CEO