



THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

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NORTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

6:30 PM
Isaac Newton School
730 Aberdeen Ave

AGENDA

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1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Overview of Math and English Language Arts (ELA) Literacy

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4. ENQUIRIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS

School Reports are submitted in writing and attached to the Summary of Discussion for the meeting.

5. FOR INFORMATION

The following material is for information only and no action is required by the Committee. An opportunity will be provided at the meeting for questions related to this material.

- 5.1** Municipal Council and School Board Elections 2026 **5**
- 5.2** North District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2026, Dated January 27, 2026 **6 - 8**

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**TO: North District Advisory
Committee Members**

April 28, 2026

**FROM: M. Henderson
Superintendent**

NEW BUSINESS

Re: OVERVIEW OF MATH AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA) LITERACY

Assistant Superintendents Shelley Warkentin and Garth McAlpine will be in attendance to provide an overview of Math and English Language Arts (ELA) Literacy.

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**FROM: M. Henderson
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NEW BUSINESS

Re: SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Committee members are invited to share updates on school activities or programs that have been successful this school year.

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TO: North District Advisory Committee Members **April 28, 2026**

FROM: M. Henderson Superintendent **FOR INFORMATION**

Re: MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS 2026

The City of Winnipeg will be conducting The Municipal Council and School Board Elections to be held on October 28th, 2026. The Winnipeg School Division will require 9 trustee representatives to be elected/re-elected to fill 9 wards within the boundaries. At a meeting held October 16, 2023, the members of the Board adopted a motion to establish a Ward Boundaries Review Committee to review the results of the 2022 election to ensure the boundaries met the requirements outlined in the Public Schools Act. The Public Schools Act also states that each trustee of a school division divided into wards shall represent, in so far as it is practicable, approximately the same number of electors. The number of electors per trustee is determined by dividing the total number of resident electors in the Division by the total number of trustees. At a meeting held September 15th, 2025, the Board of Trustees approved a by-law to amend the existing ward boundaries. After a thorough review of possible revisions to the ward boundaries that would provide the best outcome to serve our families, the Board of Trustees approved new ward boundaries that provided an equitable distribution of trustee representation per school. Please visit the City of Winnipeg or WSD Website to view the ward maps.

The Public Schools Act states that persons eligible to be a candidate for School Trustee must meet all of the following criteria:

- a Canadian citizen;
- 18 years old or older on election day, October 28, 2026;
- a resident in the school division since April 28, 2026; and
- not be disqualified by law.

Registration for candidates for School Trustee begins Tuesday, June 30, 2026 and ends at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 22, 2026.

All nomination papers must be filed in-person with the Senior Election Official during the nomination period which begins on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 and ends at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 22, 2026. In person appointments are required and must be made in advance. Email elections@winnipeg.ca to book an appointment during the following hours:

- Wednesday, September 16 to Friday, September 18 – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, September 19 – 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, September 20 – 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 21 and Tuesday, September 22 – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The campaign period for candidates for School Trustee begins Tuesday, June 30, 2026 and ends on Wednesday, March 31, 2027. Below is information that may be helpful:

- [School Trustee Candidate's Guide](#)
- [Manitoba School Boards Association - School Boards and Trusteeship in Manitoba \(PDF, 1.6MB\)](#)

If you require any clarification or would like additional information, please contact Brenda Lapointe, Board and Community Liaison Officer at (204) 789-0469.

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NORTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1-2026

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg Public School Board

January 27, 2026

The North District Advisory Committee reports as follows:

1. Land Acknowledgement

The Committee stated that the students, staff, and communities of Winnipeg School Division are committed to truth and reconciliation through building relationships with Mother Earth, the original peoples of this land and the stories that bring us together. We acknowledge the place in which we gather is on Treaty 1 territory, the homeland of the Red River Métis and the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininiwak and Dakota Oyate peoples.

2. WSD 2026/2027 Budget Update

The Committee was informed that the Board of Trustees has prepared a draft budget for the 2026/2027 school year. The Superintendent provided an overview of the Budget.

Last year, WSD committed to smaller classroom sizes, increasing positions for teachers, educational assistants and clinical support staff. WSD has been working to reduce financial barriers for families by providing no-fee lunch programs and field trips, expanding childcare facilities and after-school programming in schools, and installing new school play structures that are funded by WSD. The implementation of a Universal Nutrition Program and installation of kitchens in some schools has also assisted in reducing financial barriers for families. WSD has also been working toward the renewal of school libraries, enriched programming in Math, Literacy, STEM, and the Arts and Music, updating IT network and classroom technology and developing a teacher professional development fund.

For the 2026/2027 school year, WSD is proposing to implement full-day Kindergarten in six schools, expanding childcare spaces in schools, investing more in school repairs and infrastructure, planning for a new high school in northwest Winnipeg, building additional tracks and playing fields at schools, using consistent early reading checks to support young learners, strengthening math learning through JUMP Math teacher training, expanding hands-on land-based and project-based learning, adding more 'Global Issues' programming to Senior years schools, upgrading more IT network and school technology and keeping school taxes responsible while meeting employee wage increases.

The Committee was informed that since 2023, WSD has added 134.1 teacher positions, 275.2 educational assistant positions and 5 clinician positions. WSD is proposing to maintain staffing levels for the 2026/2027 school year.

The Committee was informed that due to recently negotiated contracts and increased wages for teachers, expenditures for the 2026/2027 school year are anticipated to be approximately 4.9% more than the previous year. WSD anticipates a 2% increase in provincial funding over last year and is proposing to increase the Mill Rate to 1.067.

The average house in WSD is valued at approximately \$269,900, this increase would result

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in the average homeowner in WSD paying an additional \$8 per month (or \$95 annually) in property tax.

The Committee was informed that a mill rate increase helps WSD maintain stable public education by addressing rising costs from collective agreements, such as wage harmonization, teacher preparation time, and provincial requirements for smaller class sizes.

The Committee discussed concerns with the current funding model and stated that the current model does not provide equitable distribution of funds. The Committee was informed that the Province has been developing a new funding formula, however there is no indication when the provincial funding will be announced.

The Committee was informed that WSD will be distributing a survey to all families to provide feedback to assist the Board of Trustees and Administration in understanding where future funding should be focused to best meet the needs of school communities. A QR code and a link to the survey will be emailed to parents and will also be available on the WSD website.

The Committee was also informed that WSD will be hosting a budget meeting Tuesday, February 24, in the Board Room at 1577 Wall Street at 5:00 p.m. Families who would like to appear as a delegation regarding the budget can register by contacting the Board and Community Liaison Office by emailing board@wsd1.org no later than Thursday, February 19, 2026.

3. Childcare, Nursery and Kindergarten

The Committee received an update on Childcare, Nursery and Kindergarten for information. At the previous District Advisory Committee meetings, families were invited to complete a survey to identify barriers and opportunities related to childcare, nursery, and kindergarten. This information will assist WSD in understanding the community needs, strengthen partnerships, and guide planning for early learning spaces.

Feedback was received from 18 schools. Families indicated that key barriers include lack of available spaces, insufficient available hours of operation, affordability, long waitlists and unclear communication, infrastructure and regulatory barriers, program design and developmental gaps, operational instability and quality concerns, transportation challenges, equity and systemic impact.

Families suggested re-establishing and expanding school-based childcare, expanding full day kindergarten and nursery options, increasing wrap around and after school programming, strengthening partnerships and system coordination, increasing capacity through strategic funding, improving quality and developmental supports, providing clear communication and family engagement opportunities, supporting families with multiple children, providing more affordability and access and providing opportunities for community to contribute.

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Families also suggested learning from existing models and pilot programs, improving transportation and accessibility, strengthening community partnerships and utilizing community spaces. The Board of Trustees will review the feedback as part of the 2026/2027 budget discussions.

4. 2026 New Ward Boundaries

The Committee received the new Ward Boundaries effective the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election for information.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Evangelista
Trustee Representative

Attendance:

Voting Representatives

Faraday School
Lansdowne School
Robertson School
Shaughnessy Park School
Sisler High School
St. John's High School
Tyndall Park Community School

Regrets

Andrew Mynarski V.C. School
Champlain School
Garden Grove School
Inkster Newton School
Isaac Newton School
Lord Nelson School
Luxton School
Meadows West School
Prairie Rose School
Ralph Brown School
Stanley Knowles School
Waterford Springs School

Administration

Matthew Henderson, Superintendent
Clayton Bodkyn, Secretary-Treasurer
Nadia De Luca, Principal, Inkster School
Tammy Stevenson, Principal, Isaac Newton School
Jessica Mayor-Rodrigues, Principal, Lansdowne School
Faria Sheikh, Vice-Principal, Lansdowne School
Kerry Kutcher, Principal, Luxton School
Melissa Admundson, Principal, Lord Nelson School
Maria Manzano, Principal, Prairie Rose School
Jude Guzzi, Principal, Robertson School
Brad Davidson, Principal, St. John's High School
Kristine Carino, Vice-Principal, St. John's High School
Stacie Edgar, Principal, Shaughnessy Park School
Pat Graham, Principal, Sisler High School
Steven Erickson, Vice-Principal, Tyndall Park School
Tarin Howard, Administrative Assistant

Trustees

Ann Evangelista
Betty Edel