

**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](mailto: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.

At a meeting held September 15, 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.

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