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Seine River School Division RESPONSE TO BILL 64 - THE EDUCATION MODERNIZATION ACT

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On Monday, March 15, the Minister of Education, the Honourable Cliff Cullen announced the report received from the K-12 Education Review Commission and the details of Bill 64 - *The Education Modernization Act*.

Although extremely disappointed with the intention and direction this Legislation is taking, the trustees of Seine River School Division are committed to helping our families and communities understand the details and direction planned by the Provincial Government.

This is the most important piece of proposed legislation ever put forward to change how education is delivered in Manitoba. The Provincial Government is proposing that there will be one politically appointed Provincial Education Authority for all of Manitoba. This central authority will be responsible for making all policy and budgetary decisions for approximately 800 public schools in Manitoba. There will be no more school divisions or elected school trustees. Although the schools currently in Seine River will remain as one of the 15 Regions, there will be an appointed Director of Education, who from our understanding does not need to be an experienced, qualified educator.

Please visit our website at srsd.ca to find out more information. There will be a link to the Manitoba School Boards Association website which contains a lot of exceptional information including how to register to speak to the Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly. Hearings will be scheduled for this coming fall, with implementation if all goes ahead as planned, November 2021.

The Seine River School Division Board of Trustees will be hosting a “Virtual” Town Hall Session on Wednesday, April 7th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please visit our website for more details and how to register to attend.

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