



June 28, 2023

To: Superintendents of School Divisions
Board Chairs, School Divisions
Principals of Funded Independent Schools

Dear Colleagues:

Re: Manitoba's K to 12 Treaty Education Plan: *Treaty Education for All*

Thank you for your ongoing support towards the implementation of Treaty education across our Kindergarten to Grade 12 education system. After many years of partnership among the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba, Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning, school divisions, schools, and other education partners, much progress has been made in implementing Treaty Education across Manitoba schools.

We are pleased to share the attached *Treaty Education for All* plan, which was developed jointly with the Treaty Education Steering Committee, co-chaired by the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba and Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning. The Treaty Education Steering Committee was relaunched in July 2022 and is composed of the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre, Manitoba Association of School Superintendents, The Manitoba Teachers' Society, Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools, Council of School Leaders, and the Indigenous Inclusion Directorate Advisory Council.

The goal is to ensure that all school staff and students receive Treaty education to understand the importance of the original spirit and intent of Treaties and of the Treaty relationship. This is done by balancing the oral history with the written word, including an understanding of our shared history—as we are all Treaty People.

To continue to advance this goal and respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action 62i, all school staff are expected to complete Treaty Education as soon as possible and no later than **December 31, 2025**. School divisions are asked to submit an implementation plan by October 31, 2023, as part of their annual report on the *Framework for Continuous Improvement*.

It is recognized that achieving this goal requires support for all levels of our school system in the short term, along with a long-term sustainable plan. Highlights of this plan include the following:

- ongoing training for school leaders and school staff led by the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba;
- identifying catalyst teachers across school divisions and schools with English and French networks established to build capacity across the province, with plans to include Elders and Knowledge Keepers as part of this ongoing training;
- developing a 40S capstone course jointly to ensure all students leave the K to 12 education system having had an opportunity to learn about the Treaties and the Treaty relationship;
- consulting with the early learning and child care sector to support Treaty Education for our early childhood educators and our youngest learners.

In addition to the plan outlined in the attached, the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba and Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning are working with the Council of Deans of Education of Manitoba to support Treaty Education planning with our post-secondary partners.

The steering committee will continue to meet to guide the implementation of this plan. We thank the members for their continued support and involvement. We also thank all of the leaders at the division, district, and school levels for your leadership, support, and involvement as we realize the goal of *Treaty Education for All*.

For more information, please visit www.edu.gov.mb.ca/iid/treaty_education.html, and for more information on Treaty education, please visit www.trcm.ca. If you have any questions about the plan, upcoming training, or reporting requirements, please do not hesitate to reach out to IID@gov.mb.ca or info@trcm.ca.

Thank you. Merci. Ekosi. Meegwetch.

Original signed by

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Honourable Wayne Ewasko, Minister
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Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools
Manitoba School Boards Association
Manitoba Association of School Business Officials
Manitoba Association of School Superintendents
The Manitoba Teachers' Society
Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs
Council of School Leaders
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Independent First Nations Education Partnership Group
Council of Deans of Education of Manitoba
Manitoba Child Care Association