



## Education and Training

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To: Superintendents of School Divisions  
Principals of Funded Independent Schools (K-12)  
Principals of Schools (K-12)

Dear Colleagues:

Re: ***Responding to Religious Diversity in Manitoba's Schools - A Guide for Educators (DRAFT 2015)***

In January 2016, a draft of the proposed support document *Responding to Religious Diversity in Manitoba's Schools-A Guide for Educators (Draft 2015)* was published online - [http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/docs/support/religious\\_diversity/index.html](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/docs/support/religious_diversity/index.html). This document is intended to serve as a resource for educators and schools seeking to respond to the needs of their religiously diverse students and community. The document provides a guide for welcoming religious diversity and providing accommodations in Manitoba schools.

This fall, six consultation roundtables will be held for discussions and to gather feedback on this document. To participate, please register by logging into the WORKSHOP REGISTRATION SYSTEM at <http://web16.gov.mb.ca/workshops/PI?action=Start>

Session # and Location	Date	Time	Address
1. Winnipeg	Thursday, September 29, 2016	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	1567 Dublin Avenue
2. Winnipeg	Thursday, September 29, 2016	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	1567 Dublin Avenue
3. Brandon	Monday, October 3, 2016	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Brandon School Division McLaren Room 1031 – 6 <sup>th</sup> Street
4. Thompson	Friday, October 7, 2016	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	School District of Mystery Lake Board Office Seminar Room 408 Thompson Drive North
5. Winnipeg	Thursday, October 13, 2016	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	1567 Dublin Avenue
6. Winnipeg	Thursday, October 13, 2016	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	1567 Dublin Avenue

Refreshments will be provided. Schools are responsible for substitute teachers, travel, accommodation, and other related costs.

If you have any questions about the nature of the consultation sessions, please contact Tony Tavares at 204-945-6879 or toll-free at 1-800-282-8069, extension 6879, or by email at [Tony.Tavares@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Tony.Tavares@gov.mb.ca).

Alternatively, feedback may be submitted to the department on the attached feedback form.

For questions about the feedback form, registration, or if any participant from your school division requires special accommodations, please contact Brigitte Pichon at 204-945-3567 or toll-free at 1-800-282-8069, extension 3567, or by email at [Brigitte.Pichon@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Brigitte.Pichon@gov.mb.ca).

Sincerely,

*Original signed by*

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Enclosure

- c. Executive Director of Manitoba School Boards Association
- Executive Director of Manitoba Association of School Superintendents
- Executive Director of Manitoba Association of School Business Officials
- Executive Director of Manitoba Association of Parent Councils
- Chair of the Board of Directors of Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools
- President of Manitoba Teachers' Society
- Tony Tavares, Consultant, Diversity Education and International Languages
- Brigitte Pichon, Education and Training