To: Chairs of School Boards
    Superintendents of Education
    Student Services Coordinators
    Principals of Schools
    Presidents of Advisory Councils for School Leadership/Parent Councils
    Directors of First Nations Education Authorities
    Educational Partner Organizations
    Faculties of Education

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of *A Profile of Student Learning and Performance, 2003-2004*. This report provides information on provincial student performance and attainment. It invites Manitobans to discuss those factors that contribute to successful results for all students and consider possible areas for action and improvement. The report complements annual public reports on student success that schools and school divisions prepare for their local communities.

*A Profile of Student Learning and Performance in Manitoba, 2003-2004*, provides an overview of student performance on a variety of provincial assessments and on the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA 2003) for participating 15-year-old Manitoba students in mathematics. It also provides student performance information by gender and community socio-economic status, as well as information on Aboriginal learners and high school completion.

I encourage you to read the report, which may be reproduced, and share additional copies with your colleagues and communities. *A Profile of Student Learning and Performance in Manitoba, 2003-2004*, is also available on the department’s website at <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/agenda/docs/>.

The information presented in this report can help to stimulate and support discussions, particularly in school and divisional planning, and contribute to the development of activities that create meaningful learning opportunities for all students.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure