

# MINISTER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Minister's Advisory Council on Inclusive Education will be time-limited and tasked with providing recommendations within the mandate that will support the transformation of Manitoba's education system and the revitalization of Manitoba's philosophy of inclusion.

### MANDATE

Advisory in nature, addressing broad-based topics from a high-level perspective, the mandate is to consider recommendations and offer advice on topics such as the

- Professional learning needs of educators to support students from the time they transition into the K-12 school system to the time they transition out
- Enhanced classroom-level supports that are inclusive in nature (e.g., universal design, differentiated instruction, appropriate instructional supports)
- Strategies to ensure timely assessment, ranging from classroom-based to school-based to specialized assessment
- Enhanced classroom-based learning supports that consider the specific learning needs of all students and meet the standards for student-specific planning
- Clinical services that support the learner's strengths, needs, and interests as part of the student-specific planning process

### COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL

- Advocacy organizations that are inclusive, representing a diversity of needs (e.g., coalitions)
- Organizations involved with students who are newcomers and are of indigenous descent
- Organizations that include individuals with diverse needs and/or their family members
- Organizations that include educators and school clinicians

Note: Council members who represent their organization will provide an opportunity for more input from a larger number of stakeholders through the various organizations.

## OPERATING PROCEDURES

- The Council will serve to advise the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning.
- Council members will serve a term ending in June 2022. The term may be extended.
- Council members will attend approximately six meetings during their term. The meeting schedule will be established at the first meeting.
- Each organization will be invited to recommend a representative of their organization to fulfill the mandate of the Council.
- Council members are responsible for sharing information with their organizations and soliciting input from members of their organizations, in accordance with the policies and practices of the organization they represent.
- Meetings will be virtual. Potential costs may include accessibility supports and release time for participants experiencing barriers to participation. If in-person meetings occur, parking, transportation, refreshments, and release time costs may be covered.
- The Council's work is founded on the ideals of collegiality and mutual respect, encouraging the expression of a diversity of views. Ideals of collegiality include both transparency and confidentiality (depending on the circumstance), as well as due diligence and relevance, respect for conflict of interest, and the assumption of positive intent.

## STRUCTURE

- Staff from Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning will facilitate the work of the Council, at the direction of the Chair.
  - The Council will report to the Minister periodically, at the direction of the Chair.
  - For clear and consistent messaging, participants will direct media inquiries to the office of the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning.
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