

Let's Pay Fair **FACTS**

Quality education is
EVERYONE'S responsibility

on Education Finance

GET
SCHOOL TAX
OFF MY PROPERTY

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Fairness **FACTS**

Education, health care, justice and social services are all core provincial government responsibilities and should be funded through general revenue. To be fair, public education in Manitoba should be funded like all other core services. In other provinces where education is still partially funded by a property tax, the same mill rate applies for the entire province.

Ours is a fundamentally-flawed system that needs to change.

Homeowners & Voters **KNOW:**

- In some cases, up to 80% of property tax revenue in Manitoba is spent on education. Homeowners know this is unfair and want school taxes off their properties.
- Almost one third of the entire education budget is being shouldered by Manitoba property owners.
- All Manitoba children should have access to the same quality of education, regardless of where they live or which school they attend.

UP TO

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PLAN for **FAIRNESS**

It's time for the Manitoba government to shift to a better way to fund our public education system.

We want:

- Education taxes on property phased-out gradually over five to seven years
- One provincial mill rate for the education portion of property taxes
- Amalgamation of the six school divisions within the City of Winnipeg into one effective division to reduce unnecessary duplication

The Education Finance Coalition is supported by more than 250,000 Manitobans who are united in calling on the Manitoba government to show leadership and shift education taxes off property. The coalition has members from up to 40 organizations including Keystone Agricultural Producers, Manitoba Real Estate Association (includes the Brandon and Portage Real Estate Boards), WinnipegREALTORS® Association, Manitoba Chambers of Commerce, Manitoba Cottage Owners Association and others.

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Taxed without a vote

- The Education Finance Coalition is concerned that Manitobans who own more than one property (cottage owners) are being charged education taxes on their non-primary residence property tax bill without having the right to vote for the school trustees who set the mill rates, manage school budgets and allocate education funds. During the phase-out period, there should be one mill rate for all Manitobans.

Equal opportunities for all Manitobans

- All Manitoba children should have the same high-quality education and opportunity for a strong future regardless of where they live and attend school. Creating equal opportunity and fully supporting the path to a strong future for every Manitoban is vital.

Managing rising costs in changing times

- We believe it is important for the province to discontinue school division-based salary negotiations with Manitoba teachers and move to province-wide negotiations. Class sizes are smaller and enrolment levels are down. Manitoba children are falling behind other provinces in basic math, reading and writing, but the cost of our education system is rising faster and higher than ever before in Manitoba's history.

Future competitiveness

- Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Newfoundland have eliminated education tax from residential property tax bills. Other provinces including Ontario and Saskatchewan are actively reducing education tax on property year after year.

The Education Finance Coalition is supported by more than 250,000 Manitobans united and calling on the Manitoba government to show leadership and shift education taxes off property. Funding core government services such as education should be based on people's ability to pay, not on their address. We need a better way to pay for the education system of our province's future.

Quick **FACTS**

- What we pay in education tax should be based on our ability to pay and not on where we live, how much our home is worth or how old we are. When given, government tax breaks should be based on need, not on age. It's only fair.
- We believe that funding for Manitoba's public education system should come from provincial general revenues and not be based on property taxes. All Manitobans should pay their fair share.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION IS PRICELESS.
WHY BASE IT ON THE PRICE
OF MY PROPERTY?**

The Let's Pay Fair website provides in-depth information, current and past news links and key coalition contacts who will answer your questions and help you join the coalition.

