

SOUTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1-2010

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg Public School Board:

February 3, 2010

Your South District Advisory Committee reports and recommends as follows:

1. **2010/2011 Draft Budget**

Rene Appelmans, Secretary-Treasurer, provided an overview of the 2010/2011 Draft Budget.

Your Committee was informed that on January 28, 2010, the Minister of Education announced that funding for public schools across Manitoba will increase by 2.95% for the 2010/2011 school year. Provincial funding for the Division will increase by approximately \$4.47 million or 2.7%. The Committee was provided with a copy of the 2010/2011 First Draft Budget Update which will sustain existing programs and services for students while minimizing the increase to education property taxes.

Your Committee was informed that this year's budget was developed on the following Guiding Principles:

- Leading Education and Innovation
- Providing High Quality Education
- Educating the Whole Child
- Practicing Sustainable Development
- Employing Qualified, Caring and Competent Staff
- Building Stronger Children, Families and Communities
- Ensuring Safe Learning Environments in Schools
- Managing Tax Dollars Responsibly

Your Committee was informed that the general reassessment conducted by the City of Winnipeg has resulted in an overall increase in property assessment of 73% for properties situated with the Division. The impact of reassessment on taxes for individual properties will depend on the increase in assessment for each property relative to the overall reassessment. Committee members are encouraged to use the tax calculator that has been developed and posted on the Division website to assist homeowners in determining the impact of reassessment on their education property taxes.

Your Committee was informed that parents, residents, and staff can be assured that, as it develops the 2010/2011 budget the Board will continue to control costs and work to sustain the programs and supports required for students in the Division.