



Education and Early Childhood Learning

Deputy Minister

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To: Parents and Guardians of Evacuated School Aged Children and Youth

Subject: Registration Opportunities for School September 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We recognize that this summer has been incredibly challenging for many families across northern Manitoba. As the new school year approaches, we want to ensure that every child displaced by wildfires has the opportunity to attend school this September - no matter where they are currently staying.

If your family has been evacuated and you are now living in another community (such as Winnipeg, Brandon, Portage la Prairie, or elsewhere), your child can be registered to attend school in the area where you are currently staying.

What You Need to Know

- **Register Locally:** You can register your child at a nearby school in your current community. If that school is full, staff will help you find another school close by with available space. *(Refer to attachment for details)*
- **Eligibility:** Children who are five years old or older by December 31 have the right to attend school from the beginning of the fall term until they graduate or until June of the year they turn 21.
- **On-the-Ground Support:** School divisions and community organizations are ready to support you. Staff will be available to help register students directly at some hotels and/or shelters. Please watch for posters with details about dates and times.
- **No Cost, No Barriers:** There is no cost to register, and your child does not need to have all documents in place to begin. Schools will work with you to gather any missing information.

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- **Welcoming School Communities:** Your child will be welcomed into the school community. We are working closely with Indigenous leaders, school divisions, and community partners to ensure the right supports are in place.

If you have questions or need help registering your child, please contact the local school division office in the area where you are staying. Please visit:

https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/sb_contacts.html for details or refer to attachment for contact information.

Sincerely,



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Manitoba Regions, School Divisions and Phone Numbers

Please visit: https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/sb_contacts.html for additional divisions and details.

Region	School Division	Phone Number
East Winnipeg Regions	Louis Reil School Division	204-257-7827
South Winnipeg and Charleswood Regions	Pembina Trails School Division	204-488-1757
Winnipeg Airport, St. James and Headingley Regions	St. James Assiniboia School Division	204-888-7951
Downtown Winnipeg and Polo Park Regions	Winnipeg School Division	204-775-0231
Brandon	Brandon School Division	204-729-3100
Riverton	Evergreen School Division	204-642-6260
Steinbach	Hanover School Division	204-326-6471
The Pas and Opaskwayak	Kelsey School Division Opaskwayak Cree Nation	204-623-6421 204-627-7480
Ashern	Lakeshore School Division	204-739-2101
Selkirk	Lord Selkirk School Division	204-482-5942 or 1-866-433-5942
Thompson	School District of Mystery Lake	204-677-6150
Dauphin	Mountain View School Division	204-638-3001
Russell	Park West School Division	204-842-2100
Portage la Prairie	Portage la Prairie School Division	204-857-8756