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SCHOOL DIVISION
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# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

April 6, 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO BE HELD MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.

J. L. MILNE BOARDROOM, ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

1031 - 6TH STREET, BRANDON, MANITOBA

G.F. Barnes
Secretary-Treasurer

## AGENDA

**1.00 AGENDA/MINUTES:**

**1.01 Reference to Statement of Board Operations**

**1.02 Approval of Agenda**

**1.03 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

a) Regular Board Meeting, March 28, 2011.
Adopt.

b) Special Board Meeting, April 4, 2011.
Adopt.

**2.00 GOVERNANCE MATTERS:**

1. Election of Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, if necessary.

## 2.01 Presentations For Information

1. Phil Vickers, Principal, Betty Gibson School and Libbey Dempsey, Teacher, Betty Gibson School, speaking to EAL programming and the strengths and challenges of the program.

## 2.02 Reports of Committees

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| a) | Divisional Futures & Community Relations Committee Minutes<br>- March 25, 2011<br>- April 5, 2011 | (Grey) | M. Snelling |
| b) | Personnel Committee Minutes | (Pink) | L. Ross |
| c) | Finance Committee Minutes | (Buff) | L. Ross |
| d) | Other | | |

## 2.03 Delegations and Petitions

## 2.04 Communications for Action

a) Manitoba News Release – "Province Reduces Education Property Tax for Manitobans", March 31, 2011, noting the Premier announces the basic Education Property Tax Credit will increase to $700 in 2011 from the current $650.00.

Refer Business Arising.

## 2.05 BUSINESS ARISING

**- From Previous Delegation**

**- From Board Agenda**

a) Manitoba News Release – "Province Reduces Education Property Tax for Manitobans", from Communications for Action 2.04a), noting the Premier announces the basic Education Property Tax Credit will increase to $700 in 2011 from the current $650.00.

**- MSBA issues (last meeting of the month)**

**- From Report of Senior Administration**

a) School Reports - NIL

b) Learning Support Services Presentation – French Language – Delphine Holian.

c) Items from Senior Administration Report
- Public Release of Vice-Principal Appointments – Refer Motions.
- Trustee Inquiry
  - Response to Trustee Bowslaugh - "Parent Involvement in Transporting Students".
  - Response to Trustee Kruck – High School Prep Time.

**2.06 Motions**

37/2011 That Confidential Report No. 3 adopted at the Regular Board Meeting on March 28, 2011 containing the following recommendations be now presented for public record: That Mr. Sean Brown, Vice-Principal at Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School be reassigned to Vice-Principal at Vincent Massey High School and Mrs. Elaine McFadzen, Vice-Principal at Vincent Massey High School be reassigned to Vice-Principal at Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School in accordance with Policy 6018 – "Role of the Vice-Principal" effective September 6, 2011.

38/2011 That the purchase of defibrillators for all Division facilities, in the approximate amount of $50,000, be approved as an over-expenditure in the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

39/2011 That the amount of $150,000 from the 2010/2011 projected surplus be allocated to the Computer Reserve Fund for internal re-cabling at Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School, subject to approval by Manitoba Education, Schools Finance Branch.

40/2011 That an additional amount of $100,000 from the 2010/2011 projected surplus be allocated to the School Bus Replacement Reserve.

41/2011 That the low proposal from Hard Line Construction in the amount of $68,645 including taxes for the supply and installation of a communications cabling system at Vincent Massey High School be accepted.

**2.07 Bylaws**

NIL

**2.08 Giving of Notice**

NIL

**2.09 Inquiries**

**2.09a) Public Inquiries (last meeting of each month – max. 15 minutes)**

**2.09b) Trustee Inquiries**

## 3.00 ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:

### 3.01 Report of Senior Administration

Receive and File.

### 3.02 Communications for Information

a) Evelyn Myskiw, Board Chairperson and Brian O'Leary, Superintendent, Seven Oaks School Division, March 2011, providing a copy of their recently published monograph "Celebrating Strengths: Aboriginal Students and Their Stories of Success in Schools." The document is also available on their website at: www.7oaks.org .
Receive and File.

b) Randy Stankewich, Schools' Finance Branch, March 23, 2011, enclosing copies of the 2010 Enrolment Report for information. The report summarizes enrolment by grade for all schools in Mnitoba as reported on September 30, 2010. This report is also available at: http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/finance/sch_enrol/index.html.
Receive and File.

c) The Honourable Nancy Allan, Minister of Education and the Honourable Jim Rondeau, Minister of Healthy Living, Youth and Seniors, March 2011, regarding the use of public school and community facilities to maximize support for educational, recreational, social and cultural programming during school hours as well as outside the regular instructional day. The Province has developed a resource to support their optimal use: Community Use of Schools and School Use of Community Facilities: A Handbook for Reviewing and Developing Facility-Use Policies, Procedures and Agreements for Schools, School Divisions, Municipalities and Recreation Commissions. The Handbook can be viewed on the Government's website at: www.edu.gov.mb.ca/K12/ocs/reports/use_facilities/ . A Policy Statement has been attached and the Province requests school divisions review, develop and implement policies that establish procedures, and joint-use agreements, for the use of public school facilities that maximize their use by school and community users that alight with the information provided in the Handbook. School Divisions are also required to post their divisional facility-use policy on the public side of their website and provide the information listed in the attached Policy Statement. Compliance is expected by September 1, 2011.
Refer to Facilities and Transportation Committee.

### 3.03 Announcements

a) Policy Review Committee – 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 12, 2011, Board Room.

b) Facilities and Transportation Committee Meeting – 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 12, 2011, Board Room.

c) BTA Negotiations - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 12, 2011, McLaren Room.

d) Support Labour Management Committee Meeting - 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 13, 2011, Conference Room.

e) Parent – Division Liaison Advisory Committee - 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 13, 2011, Board Room/Conference Room.

f) Job Evaluation Review Committee - 9:00 a.m., Thursday, April 14, 2011, Board Room.

g) Personnel Committee Meeting – 4:00 p.m., Thursday, April 14, 2011, Conference Room.

h) Education Committee Meeting – 11:00 a.m., Monday, April 18, 2011, Board Room.

i) CUPE Negotiations – 6:00 p.m., Monday, April 18, 2011, Board Room.

j) Joint Job Evaluation Review Committee – 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 19, 2011, Board Room.

k) Personnel Committee Meeting **(In-Camera)** – 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 19, 2011, Conference Room.

l) Joint Job Evaluation Review Committee – 9:00 a.m., Thursday, April 21, 2011, Board Room.

m) NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 25, 2011, Board Room.

## 4.00 IN CAMERA DISCUSSION:

### 4.01 Student Issues

**- Reports**

**- Trustee Inquiries**

### 4.02 Personnel Matters

**- Reports**

a) Confidential #1 – Personnel Report.

**- Trustee Inquiries**

### 4.03 Property Matters/Tenders

**- Reports**

**- Trustee Inquiries**

### 4.04 Board Operations

**- Reports**

a) Confidential #2 – Board Operations Legal Matter.

**- Trustee Inquiries**

## 5.00 ADJOURNMENT

# Appendix A



From: [redacted] News Media Services <nmservices@leg.gov.mb.ca> Mar-31-11 11:29:12 AM

Subject: News Release: Province Reduces Education Property Tax for Manitobans

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Manitoba News Release

March 31, 2011

PROVINCE REDUCES EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX FOR MANITOBANS

Homeowners, Renters To Save $151 Million Annually: Selinger

Premier Greg Selinger announced today the basic Education Property Tax Credit will increase to $700 in 2011 from the current $650, giving Manitobans more tax savings.

"Our government is proud to meet our commitment to hard-working Manitoba families. We want to make life better for Manitobans and this tax credit will help keep our province affordable with benefits to over 293,000 homeowners and 128,000 tenants," said Selinger.

Homeowners will have the credit subtracted from their property tax bills starting this summer. Residential tenants will receive the increased benefits when they file their 2011 income tax returns.

"Our government has worked very hard to ensure that Manitoba is a great place to set down roots and raise a family. To help those hard-working families grow and succeed, we have increased the Education Property Tax Credit by 180 per cent to $700 from $250 in 1999," the premier said.

Today's increased tax credit will now see Manitobans save approximately $16 million in additional tax relief for a total of $151 million in annual property tax credits.

The Manitoba government eliminated the Education Support Levy on residential properties in 2006, further saving residents over $145 million annually.

This year, Manitobans will save more than $329 million in education property taxes than they did in 1999, allowing Manitobans to keep more money in their pockets, said Selinger.

"Our government has been moving Manitoba on the right track through steady and balanced leadership," said Finance Minister Rosann Wowchuk. "We know these savings make a difference in your wallet and we will continue to work with all Manitobans to ensure that everyone benefits from these important tax credits."

This year, the government offered the Tax Incentive Grant (TIG) to qualifying school divisions. An unprecedented 27 school divisions accepted the TIG, up from 23 divisions the year before.

"Working co-operatively with school divisions means residents will not see an increase on their tax bills," said Selinger.

In 2011, the province invested $21.7 million toward the TIG to keep property taxes low throughout the province, he added. In all, 30 divisions are holding the line on mill rates in 2011.

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Statistics Canada has identified Manitoba as the only province in the country to see property taxes remain relatively stable since 2000. Manitoba saw only a 1.2 per cent increase overall, while the average Canadian increase was 33.7 per cent.

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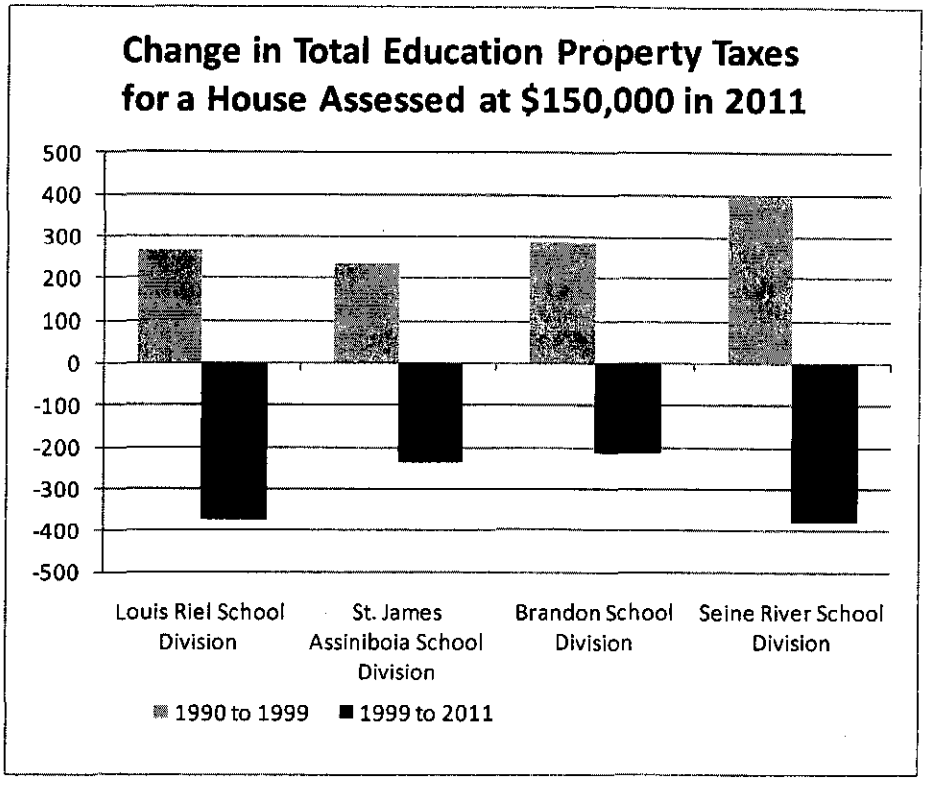
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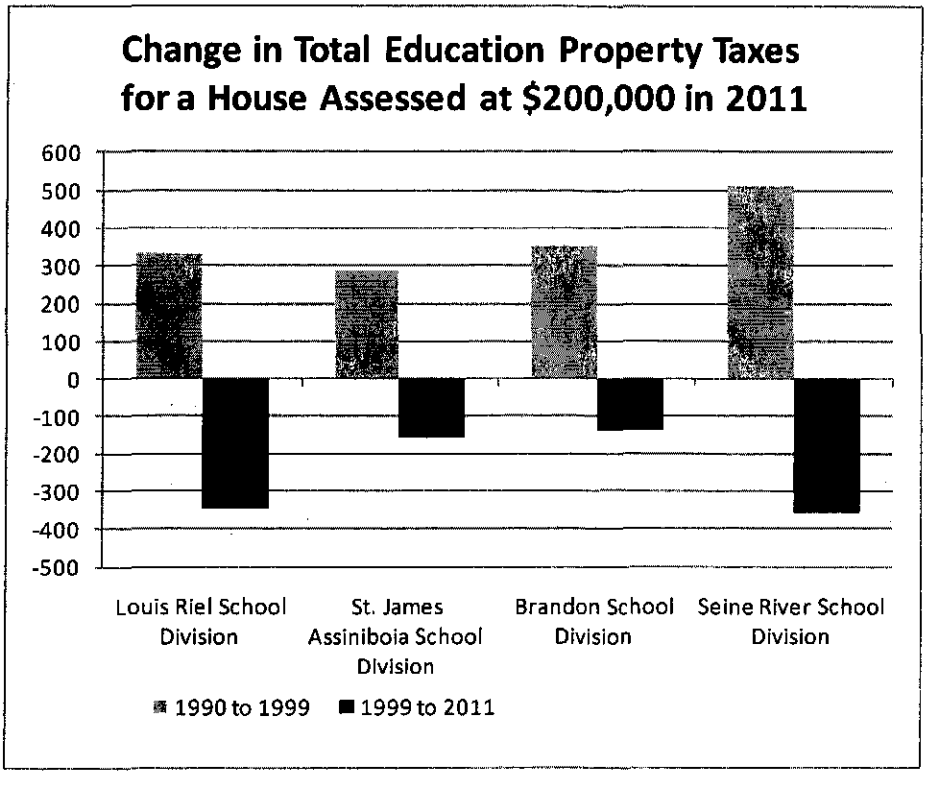
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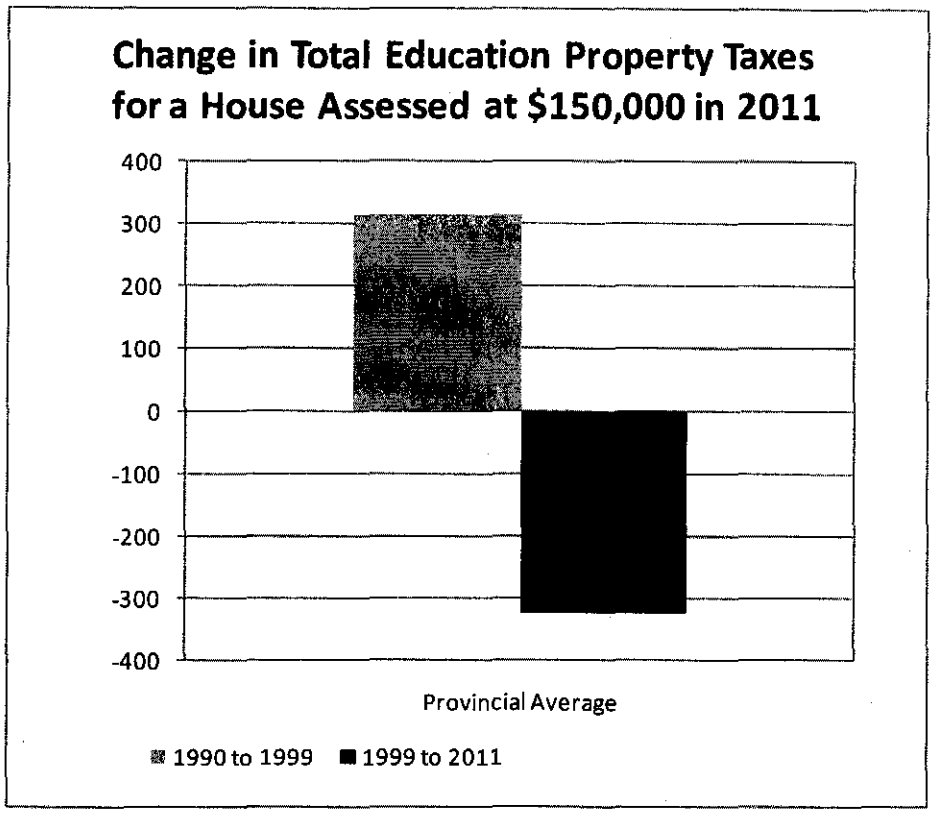
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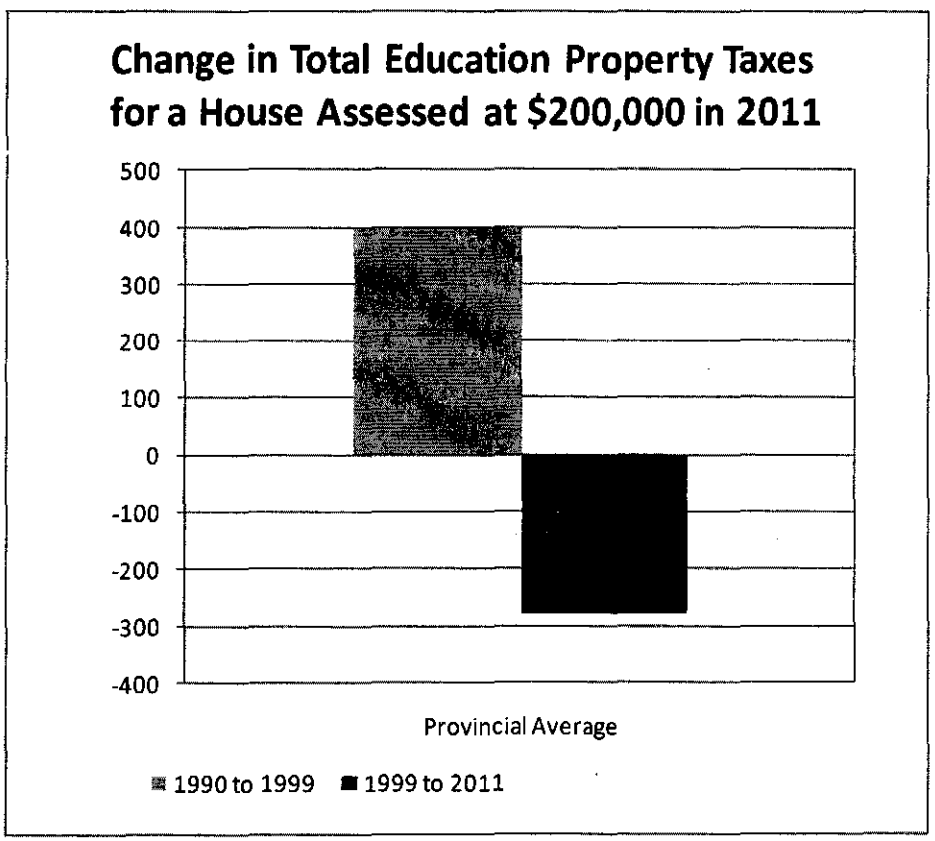
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