



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Education and Community Relations Committee Minutes

Monday, September 13, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Boardroom, Administration Office

Present: S. Bambridge C. Ekenna
 B. Foley J. Gobeil
 D. Kejick L. Letain
 J. Murray L. Ross

Also Present: D. Labossiere M. Gustafson
 S. Gilleshammer J. Zilkey

Regrets: K. Fallis

1. COMMITTEE ITEMS

A. **Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth (MACY) – Special Report: The Right to be Heard**

This report shares feedback from hundreds of Manitoba youth who participated in the Advocate's first Youth Listening Tour last year. Youth spoke about what issues matter to them and what solutions they would like to see in their communities. The Advocate encourages School Divisions to read their concerns and see how we might address these issues in our Division.

Staff from the Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth (MACY) are also available for presentations on all of their special reports, children's rights and the work they do at MACY. Experienced presenters for youth and adult audiences are available. To learn more, please visit: ManitobaAdvocate.ca

B. **Manitoba Education Online and Remote Learning Options 2021-2022**

Manitoba Education is investing \$3.7M to support online and remote learning for students across the province in the 2021-2022 school year.

Additionally, Manitoba is investing \$5M from Safe Schools Funding to support the continuation of remote learning for immunocompromised students in Grades K-8 through the Manitoba Remote Learning Support Centre.

Brandon School Division has 140 course seats available to high school students in InformNet, through COVID funding.

It was noted that the Remote Learning Option is for immunocompromised students only.

The COVID funding allocation for Brandon School Division for 2021-2022 is \$1.7M, which is used to pay for the costs associated with:

- PPE
- Desks
- Trailers to store furniture
- Staff – Educational Assistants at Neelin and Vincent Massey
- Ventilation in schools/buildings

- Water bottle fill stations

2. **OPERATIONS INFORMATION**

Respectfully submitted,

L. Letain