



- Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning (MEECL) shared correspondence with school divisions that the Grade 10 English Language Arts and Mathematics Provincial Assessments as well as the Grade 12 English Language Arts, Mathematics and Français exams will not take place in school divisions across the province beginning in the 2024-25 school year. MEECL is pausing the practice to review and revise the way in which provincial standards testing is done at the Senior Years level.
- Since last meeting, the following communication was shared by MEECL:

This is a letter of clarification and to provide revised direction regarding the Provincial Assessment Program you received on February 28, 2024. The February 28 letter has generated concern from some parents that halting the assessment program will disadvantage students as they prepare for post-secondary studies. We will continue with the Provincial Assessment Program, specifically the Grade 12 Provincial Test. There will be no change to the Provincial Assessment Program for the 2024/25 school year, and we will move forward with modernizing our Provincial Assessment Program, including continuing to develop and pilot student assessment in Grade 10. Thank you in advance for your support and understanding as we undertake the important work of modernizing the Provincial Assessment Program.

The Superintendent's team will work to communicate information to schools, students and families.

- The next tour date for trustees is Thursday, May 2nd and will see our trustees visiting École Dugald School, Richland Colony School, and Whitemouth School. It is always great to get into schools and sites and see firsthand the hard work of staff and students.
- Trustees from across the province will be attending their annual Conference and AGM on March 21 and March 22 in Winnipeg. There will be several keynote speakers and other learning sessions leading up to the Manitoba School Boards Association Annual General Meeting. Our Board will be well-represented at this event and will work hard to make sure that the voices of our communities are heard at the provincial level.
- Spring Break for staff and students is fast approaching. The last day that schools will be open is Friday, March 22nd and will re-open again on Monday, April 1st. Schools are open on Easter Monday which is April 1st this year even though some other provincial sectors are closed.
- Any family registering their child for a school outside their catchment must complete a Schools of Choice application and submit it to the school they wish to attend by May 15th each year. The Schools of Choice process is a provincial procedure used in all school divisions. Sunrise School Division works with schools to make decisions and inform families by the end of June each year. New legislation being introduced may change this process, but we want to make certain that families have covered their bases when it comes to registering for a school that is currently not their catchment school.

Sunrise staff and students are enjoying fun-filled activities at school this week before Spring Break and will then enjoy a well-earned week off.