

**TO: Chairs of School Boards  
Superintendents of Education  
Student Services Administrators**

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce that *The Public Schools Amendment Act* (Appropriate Educational Programming), S.M. 2004, c.9, was proclaimed October 28, 2005.

This legislation and accompanying regulations are intended to build on Manitoba's Philosophy of Inclusion along with other supporting mechanisms such as standards, policies, guidelines, protocols and support documents to assist all students, including those with exceptional learning needs, in receiving educational programming.

Regional information sessions on the new legislation, regulations and the accompanying dispute resolution process and standards will be held in November. Divisions will be invited to send teams during the day, and parent sessions will be held in the evenings. Your invitation to send a divisional team to these sessions will follow shortly.

I have attached for your reference a copy of the new and amended regulations. Thank you for your input into this process.

Sincerely,

*(Original signed by)*

Honourable Peter Bjornson

Attachment

- c. Manitoba Association of School Trustees  
Manitoba Association of School Superintendents  
Manitoba Teachers' Society  
Manitoba Association of School Business Officials  
Student Services Administrators Association of Manitoba  
Manitoba Association of Parent Councils  
Association for Community Living – Manitoba