



August 13, 2021

Mr. Cliff Cullen
Honourable Minister of Education

Ms. Heather Stefanson
Honourable Minister of Health

Dear Honourable Ministers:

I write on behalf of the Board of Trustees to ask that the Safe Return to School Plan for Sept 2021 be amended to stipulate that all staff, who are medically able, be fully vaccinated against the coronavirus as a condition of working in Manitoba public schools. We believe that this measure is a critical one in keeping our students, staff, and their families safe and healthy.

It is widely known and supported by scientific evidence that vaccination is the single most important preventative measure in slowing the spread of COVID19. We applaud the efforts that have been announced to increase the uptake of the COVID19 vaccine by re-introducing vaccine clinics for students in our schools. As your partner in education, we will give our full support to this plan. Our staff are ready to support and assist in delivering on that commitment

More and more private and public institutions are seeing the benefit of requiring staff to be vaccinated as both a measure of personal safety and a step taken to instill confidence in the homes of our students that when families send their children to school that the children are entering a safe and healthy place for learning.

As time is of the essence, we look forward to your timely response to assist our families in preparing their children for the resumption of in-person learning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'K McMillan'.

Kathleen McMillan
Chair of the Board

c. Trustees
Manitoba School Boards Association