



Manitoba Association of Parent Councils

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Attention: Mr. Alland Hawkins, Executive Director

Mr. Allan Hawkins, Executive Director
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Dear Allan,

First, please accept our apologies for the delay in responding. As you can imagine, our funding and partnership with Manitoba Education is very important to us and one that we do not take lightly. Therefore, we wanted to be sure that we gave this our full attention and addressed it from all perspectives.

After numerous discussions, the Board of Directors has chosen not to proceed with funding from the province (Manitoba Education) and to seek outside funding. I would like to point out that this does not mean that MAPC will not continue to be the "parental voice in education." It means that we are more than ever committed to working with and for the parents and the children in our province and will continue to be one of the five major stakeholders in education. For many years now, the organization has been asked how we can advocate for parents and children in the schools when we are funded by the government, ex. Bill 64. Also, our funding contract mandates that we strictly work with Parent Advisory Councils, yet when MAPC was formed and the MAPC Advocacy project started, we were dealing with PACS, parents and numerous other issues. In a time when inclusion is of the utmost importance, we don't want to have children or parents who need assistance fall through the cracks.

Also, please be advised that you will be receiving a copy of the financials shortly.

In saying the above, we want to thank Manitoba Education for their many years of support and look forward to the progress in education in our province.

Sincerely,

Brenda Brazeau
Executive Director
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