



INVESTING IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Our post-secondary institutions are engines of the economy - driving research and innovation while providing solutions to challenges from engineering to health to climate change.

High tuition fees and the worry of taking on unmanageable debt are major barriers to why many young people choose not to pursue higher education. For international students, inadequate health care coverage can lead to out-of-pocket spending on major medical bills. Manitoba Liberals believe all young people should have the chance to succeed and cost should never be a barrier.

Manitoba Liberals commit to:

- » Reinstating the tuition rebate program, providing a rebate of up to 60% on all eligible tuition fees when students begin working to encourage graduates to stay in Manitoba;
- » Reinstating health coverage for international students;
- » Ensuring stable, multi-year funding for all post-secondary institutions;
- » Respecting the autonomy of public post-secondary institutions so they can fulfill their mandates free from political interference.

RESTORING AND INVESTING IN FRENCH LANGUAGE EDUCATION & CULTURE

Various funding streams for French services in Manitoba have been cut under the PCs despite more than 50% of students being enrolled in French or French-Immersion programs in Manitoba.

Manitoba Liberals commit to:

- » Strengthening and restoring the Bureau D'éducation Française and Association of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities with stable long-term funding;
- » Supporting the Université de Saint-Boniface's development plan to offset shortages in the French education sector;
- » Increasing funding to CCFM to \$900,000 per year;
- » Ensuring the Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning adequately encompasses all French-language education services from early childhood to post-secondary education;
- » Adequately funding French-language education to ensure parents can send their children to French-language or immersion schools;
- » Increasing funding to schools divisions with dedicated funds for improving classroom ventilation and creating a plan to install air conditioning across schools in Manitoba.

MODERNIZED FUNDING FOR MANITOBA'S CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND SPORTS

Manitoba's creative industries and sports organizations provide important jobs and are major tourism draws. However, many organizations have not received an increase in operating funding that have kept pace with the rise in inflation.

As we emerge from the pandemic, we have an opportunity to renew infrastructure and ensure that the unique voices and talents of Manitoba artists and athletes are better heard and celebrated.

Manitoba Liberals commit to:

- » **Renew and modernize operational funding for Manitoba's cultural institutions, to make up for pandemic losses and invest in new growth;**
- » **Invest in ongoing programming support for the arts and cultural sector by increasing funding to the Manitoba Arts Council by \$20-million;**
- » **Increase supports for elite amateur athletes to match other provinces;**
- » **Increase supports to Sport Manitoba to improve funding for coaches, trainers, and athletes.**

IMPROVED SERVICES FOR NEW CANADIANS

In 2022, Manitoba's population grew by 40 593 by welcoming new Canadians and international students. New Canadians enrich our communities and are vital economic contributor for the overall growth of our province. We cannot succeed nationally or internationally without, in part, attracting the best and brightest from around the world.

Manitoba has to do a better job of not only encouraging new Canadians to choose Manitoba, but to stay once they've arrived.

To facilitate the attraction and retention of permanent residents and international students, Manitoba Liberals commit to:

- » **Negotiate with the Federal Government for a larger percentage of new Canadians immigrating to Manitoba through the provincial nominee program;**
- » **Negotiate an enhanced family-reunification stream for the Provincial Nominee Program and reduce the application fee from \$500 to \$50;**
- » **Increase francophone immigration targets to further strengthen Manitoba as home of the largest French speaking community in Western Canada;**
- » **Expand financial supports and skills upgrading for internationally educated Canadians to meet credential and regulatory standards.**

