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Turtle River School Division has always been diligent in keeping our students our priority. We have offered many programs over the years to the students in all of our communities. Our schools have been a central gathering place for many groups and organizations within the community. We have educated thousands of children that have gone on on to be contributing members of society.

We may be small in numbers by we are strong in the education we provide to our students.

Many of those that have graduated from Turtle River School Division have gone on to become teachers, principals and education assistants, many of which are currently employed by Turtle River School Division. Many have become parents that now live in our communities and send their children to the same schools they attended. Others are farmers, ranchers, local business owners, police officers, doctors, military personnel, trades people, truck drivers, information technology specialists, nurses, early years' childhood educators, accountants.....the list goes on and on. While many of these graduates may have moved on to other areas, many have remained or returned to the communities within Turtle River School Division. They are all taxpayers.

Change is a part of life. We all must be willing to adapt to change. Turtle River School Division is no different. Currently our provincially elected government seems to think that there has been no change for the better in the education system, and they have now made the <https://bettereducationmb.ca/> to make drastic changes throughout the province. While that elected government changes every 4 years, the appointed minister of education changes much more frequently, each one with a new idea on how to “fix” the problem. Yet these fixes are simply band-aids. The bigger issue to the province’s low test score results in student outcomes is not due to the local schools ensuring they are delivering the best education possible for each child in those schools no matter where we live. It is from the constant change in direction from our provincially elected government thinking they can save money by taking away from the grass roots and administering a blanket approach from a central office in Winnipeg.

Talk with your family and friends, your neighbor, the local store owner, the local trades person. Ask, how will this new approach to provincial education affect them, their family, their business, your community? If your kids ride a school bus for more than 2 hours a day, if your child’s teacher is not physically in the classroom, but a virtual teacher joining from another part of the province? What about those employees of the local Turtle River School Division that will most likely be unemployed due to these changes? Will they remain in the community? How will this affect the day to day lives of the local business owner where those employees used to spend their money? Our small towns have already suffered so much with the regional health authorities and the rural municipality amalgamations. To change the education system now as proposed may be detrimental to the community right in our own back yard.

“Learning today for tomorrow”