



Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning

Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8 CANADA

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To: Chair of School Boards
Principals of Funded Independent Schools

Re: **Website information on the Office of the Commissioner of Teacher Professional Conduct**

As you will be aware, on January 6, 2025, amendments to The Education Administration Act came into force establishing a new teacher conduct framework, led by the independent Office of the Commissioner of Teacher Professional Conduct. The Commissioner has authority to investigate complaints and reports regarding the conduct and competence of all Manitoba certified teachers and school clinicians.

In the months following, my office has received feedback from some sector partners and child advocacy organizations indicating that the existence and role of the Commissioner may not be well known within the broader community. To support transparency and public confidence, and to enhance reporting in the interest of greater student safety, I am requesting per subsection 41(1)(y) of The Public Schools Act that school division and funded independent school websites include the following statement:

"Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning has created the **Office of the Commissioner of Teacher Professional Conduct** to review concerns about the professional conduct or competence of certified teachers and school clinicians. Find out more at www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/commissioner/index.html."

This content should be posted in an appropriate and accessible location on the website.

Should you have any questions on this matter, feel free to contact the Teacher Certification and Standards Branch at tcs@gov.mb.ca. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Honourable Tracy Schmidt

- c. Mona Pandey, Deputy Minister, Education and Early Childhood Learning
- Josh Watt, Executive Director, Manitoba School Boards Association
- Barb Isaak, Executive Director, Manitoba Association of School Superintendents
- Arlyn Filewich, Executive Director, Manitoba Teachers' Society
- Andrew Micklefield, Executive Director, Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools
- Julie Fine, Director, Independent and International Education Unit