

MAPC Position Statement

Moratorium on School Closures May 01, 2009

As the government has indicated in Bill 28, schools would only be closed in *exceptional circumstances*.

MAPC recognizes the significant impact school closures can have on a community.

MAPC recommends the specific measures already in place be reflective of the unique needs of both rural and urban communities. These measures need to be identified and communicated to all stakeholders in that community.

MAPC requests that an informed parental voice be a key component in the decision making process. A true consultation must involve parents and all stakeholders within the affected community from the beginning of the process.

MAPC supports establishing a mechanism so the views of all stakeholders are heard through an impartial body, without filtering of opinions, and without fear of reprisal.

MAPC believes that parental voice, in conjunction with all stakeholders, is crucial when considering the closing or consolidation of any school in Manitoba.

Rationale:

MAPC would like to be able to share this position, as representative of its members, with our education partners (including the Minister of Education), and the media.