



# Press Release

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## **Western School Division Approves Additional Staffing**

Morden, Manitoba; October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019:

A significant increase in enrollment has resulted in the Western School Division Board of Trustees approving additional staffing to support students in schools. Although the division had planned for a large influx of students for this fall when they created their budget last spring, a 7% increase in enrollment has necessitated some unbudgeted staffing adjustments. Over the past 5 years enrollment in Western School Division has increased by 20%. Efforts were made by senior administration to first reallocate existing funds before requesting additional funding from the Board. The additional costs of these adjustments will be funded from the divisional contingency fund.

The Board approved additional teaching time, Educational Assistant hours, and Vice-Principal time in both Maple Leaf and Minnewasta Schools. Additional Educational Assistant hours were also approved for École Morden Middle School.

The Board considers these measured staffing adjustments to be smart investments in our students. As a locally elected Board they were able to respond to this pressing need. The work to fill these positions will begin immediately.

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