

A low-angle photograph of graduates in green gowns and caps celebrating on a wooden floor. Several green caps are tossed into the air, with white tassels trailing behind them. The graduates are smiling and looking upwards, with their arms raised in celebration.

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2017–18 Annual Report
to the Community



PURPOSE

River East Transcona School Division exists to educate students to be inspired, skilled, responsible citizens.

VISION

River East Transcona School Division will be forward-looking, innovative, and service-oriented, offering superior, comprehensive programming to meet the emerging needs of our students and community.

MISSION

To fulfil our purpose and in our journey toward our vision, River East Transcona School Division is committed to provide relevant, progressive educational programming and supportive services in a safe, stimulating learning environment.

DIVISIONAL PRIORITIES 2017–18

Literacy

Enhance student achievement through authentic and appropriate literacy instruction.

Safe Schools

Enhance the climate, culture and inclusivity in all schools through authentic and appropriate universal, targeted and intensive supports.

Numeracy

Enhance student achievement through authentic and appropriate mathematics instruction.



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT/CEO

This 2017–18 annual report to the community highlights just a few of the division’s many achievements, innovations, and collaborations.

We’re proud of our staff and students, and how they’ve worked together to accomplish personal goals, and make efforts that benefit their schools and the wider community. Collaboration is a thread that runs throughout this annual report—in the efforts of our staff to create and roll out the new

Parent Portal, in the relationships between schools, in team victories, in the interactions between early and senior years students, and more.

These kinds of partnerships and team efforts take place throughout our division on a regular basis, and they underscore the value of being part of a community: students and staff can find ways to feel a part of their school family; schools must keep developing mutually beneficial relationships; and everyone should feel a part of the larger community of RETSD.

This is reflected in one of our division’s belief statements: “We believe in serving students and community.”

It’s my belief that, in educating and serving our students, we’re encouraging the type of teamwork and relationship building that will serve them and their communities over the long term, well after they’ve graduated.

I hope you enjoy the glimpse into our schools and classrooms that is provided in this annual report to the community.

Kelly Barkman
Superintendent/CEO



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

The 2017–18 school year was filled with ways in which we collaborated to achieve student success in the division.

I’d like to highlight one of the stories in this annual report that shows collaboration and student success in action—our second “Leading for Success: An Evening of Conversation” event. Senior administration, principals, middle years students, and trustees were all in attendance. Discussion centred on the students and storyboards

they created to help explain what they believe makes them successful in school, what doesn’t, and what direction they want to take in the future. It was a truly remarkable event. Anytime we get to spend time with students and staff, talking about education and student success, is indeed a highlight.

The collaboration the board engaged in over the past school year, and over their four-year term, is exemplary. You can see the evolution of their teamwork in the board priorities they set and in the division’s strategic plan. The board showed leadership in the planning and accomplishment of these priorities, working with government, educators, staff, parents, students, and the community. We do this so our students can get the best education possible, always keeping in mind the financial implications of our decision making.

We all benefit from a child’s education—they become teachers, doctors, and workers that contribute positively to society each and every day. We, as a community, have a role to undertake to make sure our children are educated to the best of their ability.

We are proud of the work we accomplished in our four-year term. We are honoured to present you with the 2017–18 annual report to the community.

Colleen Carswell
Chair, Board of Trustees

BOARD PRIORITIES 2017–18

Conduct a review of the Specialized Learning Environment (SLE) program.

Conduct a review of French immersion enrolment and related catchment areas west of Lagimodiere Boulevard, including Ward 5 (East St. Paul and St. Clements).

Conduct a catchment area review of French milieu schools east of Lagimodiere Boulevard.



★ **OUR BUS DRIVERS**
drove 1,299,888 km last year!



That's like driving from Winnipeg to the moon...
more than three times!

We also used 89 buses to transport 3,845 students to 42 schools every school day.



Students 'Lead for Success'

River East Transcona prides itself on "creating student success," so it makes sense that it was students the division turned to recently for their outlook on what that success means.

In May 2018, the division held its second "Leading for Success" event at John G. Stewart School. They invited middle years students from across RETSD to share their ideas on student success with trustees, senior administration, and principals. Last year, senior years students shared their thoughts.

Leading up to the event, the students had been invited to take photos illustrating success in their schools.

Conversation included what makes the students feel successful in schools, what they think students need at school to be successful in life, what the division is currently doing to support this success, and what more could be done. It was a great evening of sharing.



Introducing our Parent Portal

For years, we've sent printed report cards home with students. As with so many aspects in our day-to-day life, there's now an app for that!

This year, we were excited to introduce, for all students, the Parent Portal—an online tool that provides quick, confidential access to their important school information.

It's been used by our senior years schools since the spring of 2017, and in the 2017–18 school year, we made it available for parents/guardians of students in early and middle years schools.

Active parental involvement and support are key to a student's academic and social success, and having online access to school information makes it easier than ever.



Graduation



June 2017 June 2018

Regular	909	890
Vocational	68	19
Dual Diploma	99	107
French Immersion	158	158
Mature Students	29	33
Special Needs (Individualized)	9	12

Student Enrolment



Sept. 2016 Sept. 2017

Grades K–5	7,135	7,370
Grades 6–8	3,458	3,558
Grades 9–12	5,564	5,532
TOTAL	16,152	16,460

Language Program Participation



Sept. 2016 Sept. 2017

French Immersion	3,142	3,258
English-German Bilingual	313	326
English-Ukrainian Bilingual	99	104

Staff Full-Time Equivalents



Sept. 2016 Sept. 2017

Principals & Vice-Principals	67.46	67.36
Teachers	1,009.02	1,013.44
Educational Assistants	330.39	361.71
Library Support	33.5	35
School Clerical	77	78.5
School Custodians	138.5	140.625



Craig Heisinger (centre) with staff and students at Transcona Collegiate.

Mental health a focus for division, schools

On an evening in April 2018, hundreds of parents and caregivers gathered inside Bernie Wolfe Community School to learn more about how to deal with anxious behaviours in the children they care for. Practical strategies were shared by certified school clinician Gail Bryant, and positive behavioural interventions and supports teacher Lindsay Lawrence.

On the school front, Transcona Collegiate held its inaugural Mental Health and Wellness Fair in February 2018, giving students an opportunity to take part in activities that provide them with experiences or information to help them live a more balanced life. These included physical fitness (HIIT & yoga), woodworking, art therapy, Indigenous drumming, mindfulness, healthy stress, grief, technology, and the effects of substance use. As well, Craig Heisinger, senior vice-president of True North Sports and Entertainment, visited Transcona Collegiate during the fair to talk to staff and students about Project 11, a mental health awareness program created in memory of his late friend Rick Rypien.



Literacy project brings students together

Some Murdoch MacKay Collegiate students were on a mission one day in November 2017, as they made the short trip straight west to Wayoata Elementary School.

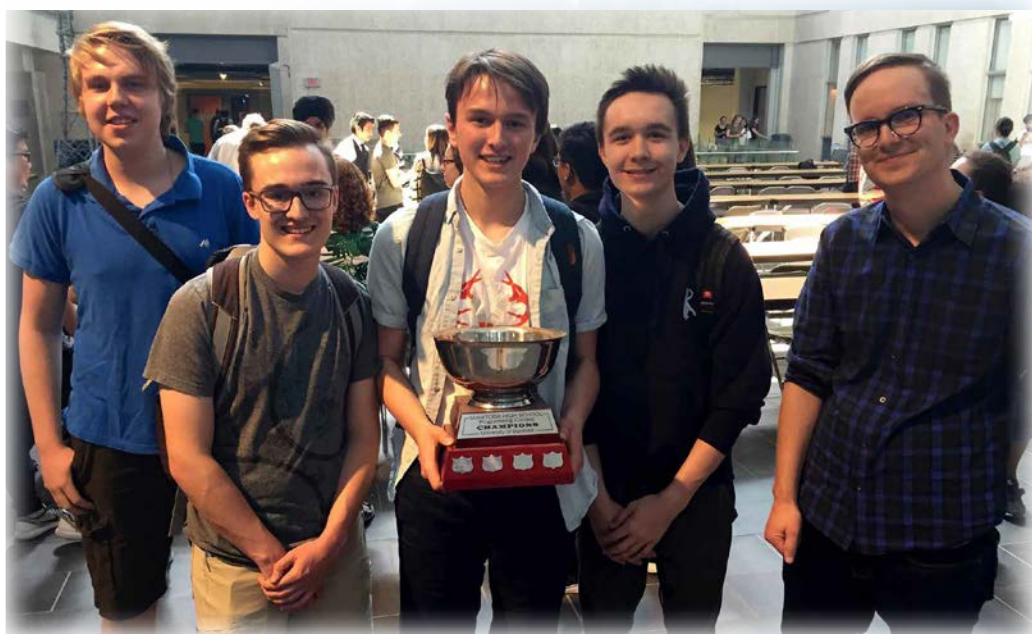
They visited to engage the younger children as part of a literacy project for their Grade 12 English class, led by teacher Julia Barton. The Murdoch students were paired up with Wayoata students and read stories to them they had written.

Ms. Barton created the project so her students could experience what it's like to write for a target audience and then have that audience listen to the story and respond to it.

They had to plot out a theme for their story, create a storyboard and rough draft, edit it, and create their final written and illustrated copy.

She co-ordinated the activity with Wayoata teachers to ensure their students also benefit. They had the opportunity to ask the older students about their story ideas and writing techniques, and to make connections to their own creative processes.

It's one of many examples of how RETSD schools at different age levels work together to everyone's benefit.



REC on top in technology competitions

In May 2018, River East Collegiate won the 2018 Canadian Cyber Defense Challenge against 20 other Canadian high school teams and four university teams. Each team was made up of 4–5 students who spent the day combatting cyber attacks against a fictitious company.

In addition to showing off their technical skills working with different

operating systems, the students had to summarize their findings and report to the fictitious company’s CEO to make recommendations to avoid future attacks.

River East Collegiate teams also placed first and third at the 2018 University of Manitoba computer programming competition that same month. It involved 35 teams from 16 different schools battling to solve six problems in three hours. REC’s winning team managed to solve all six problems to give the school its third championship in the 10-year history of the event.



Community band debuts

Matt Careless, band director at Robert Andrews School, struck up a community band in the RETSD area. The band had its first rehearsal in September 2017, at Robert Andrews and there was a great turnout. Several teachers from River East Transcona have come together to take part. The division hopes to see performances from this band in the future.

RETSO SCHOOL BOARD MEDALISTS



Raveen Sidhu
Kildonan-East Collegiate
GOLD MEDALIST



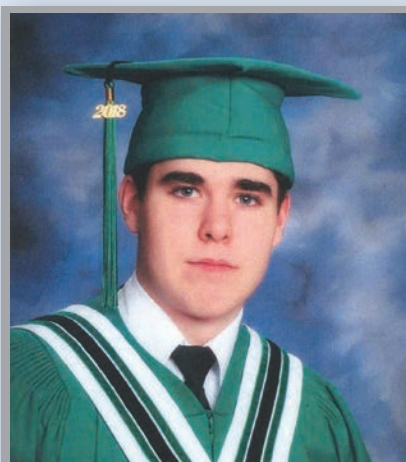
Scott English
River East Collegiate
SILVER MEDALIST



Laurel Fife
Miles Macdonell Collegiate
SILVER MEDALIST



Mauli Patel
Murdoch MacKay Collegiate
SILVER MEDALIST



Jack Richards
Transcona Collegiate
SILVER MEDALIST



Lauren Verhaeghe
Collège Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau
SILVER MEDALIST

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S ACADEMIC MEDALISTS

Madyson Richard	Collège Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau
Javyn Desbois	Kildonan-East Collegiate
Jennifer Hu	Miles Macdonell Collegiate
Keighlynn Veilleux	Murdoch MacKay Collegiate
Joshua Chornick	River East Collegiate
Manjot Kalkat	Transcona Collegiate

SKILLS MANITOBA GOLD MEDALISTS

Leatishia Arnaud*	Miles Macdonell Collegiate	3D Character Computer Animation
Maryse Chartier*	Miles Macdonell Collegiate	3D Character Computer Animation
Carson Malinowski*	Kildonan-East Collegiate	Cabinet Making
Matthew Desorcy*	Murdoch MacKay Collegiate	Precision Machining
Mitchell Epp	Kildonan-East Collegiate	Electrical Installation
Dylan Kraynyk	Kildonan-East Collegiate	Refrigeration & Air Conditioning
Nhat Anh Nguyen	Murdoch MacKay Collegiate	Fashion Technology

* Also medaled in their categories at the Skills Canada competition in Edmonton

PROVINCIAL CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE GOLD MEDALISTS

Connor Jones	Communication & Culture, Grade 4
Anna Nevoit	Communication & Culture, Duo, Grades 7 & 8
Anastasiya Ishchook	Communication & Culture, Duo, Grades 7 & 8
Isaiah Lanoriah	Late Immersion, Duo, Grades 7 & 8
Ethan de Brincat	Late Immersion, Duo, Grades 7 & 8
Andoni Ybanez	Français, Grades 7 & 8
Shubhneet Thind	Communication & Culture, Grades 9 & 10
Blaise Kikundule*	Communication & Culture, Grades 11 & 12
Katie McKenzie	Communication & Culture, Advanced, Grades 11 & 12
Pedro Proano	Early Immersion, Grades 11 & 12

* Won his category at the national finals in Ottawa

STUDENT & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Linda Baines

Teacher—Polson School
2018 Teacher Driver Award
Agriculture in the Classroom—Manitoba

Karen Boyd

Assistant Superintendent
2018 Distinguished Service Award
Manitoba School Library Association

Matt Careless

Music Teacher—Robert Andrews & Sherwood Schools
Builders Awards for New Teachers
Canadian Music Educators Association

Gilbert Cormier

Bus Driver—Transportation Department
Recognition—500,000 km Driven (Without an Accident)

Jason Drysdale

Assistant Superintendent
Honouring Our Allies
Aboriginal Circle of Educators

Tracy Romu

Teacher—Transcona Collegiate
U of M Students' Teacher Recognition

MANITOBA COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN AWARDS

YES I Can! Awards

Brandon Caron	Kildonan-East Collegiate
Kassandra Dunn	Kildonan-East Collegiate
Dale Eckert	Murdoch MacKay Collegiate

Certificates of Recognition

Claire Howell	Joseph Teres School
Emma Kushner	Miles Macdonell Collegiate
Paisley Pearce	Joseph Teres School

2017–18 BUDGET INFORMATION

Before River East Transcona trustees pass any budget, they always consider the needs of RETSD students first, as they're accountable for not just the cost, but the quality of education in our 42 schools.

To meet the needs of our classrooms, school taxes increased by 2.7%, or approximately \$44 on a home valued at \$273,300. New spending primarily covers increased payroll costs to meet collective agreement requirements. Payroll makes up 87% of the total budget. The budget maintained current programs, services, and staffing levels.

Where Funds Come From

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Provincial Funding 48.6%

Local Taxpayers 34.6%

Provincial Property Tax Credit 13.4%

Other Revenue Sources 3.4%

Your Loonie at Work

Salaries and Benefits: 87¢

- 58¢: Classroom Instruction
- 11¢: School Counselling, Resource and Library Services
- 7¢: School Administration
- 8¢: Facility Operations, Maintenance and Student Transportation
- 2¢: Division Administration
- 1¢: Other

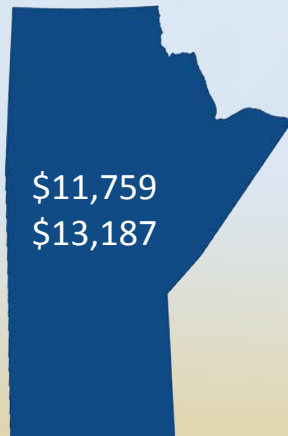


Supplies and Services: 13¢

- 5¢: School Supplies and Materials
- 7¢: Facility Operations, Maintenance and Student Transportation
- 1¢: Other

RETSD Cost Per Pupil
Provincial Cost Per Pupil

\$11,759
\$13,187



RETSD has the lowest per-pupil spending amount of the city's six school divisions, while still maintaining a high level of educational programming and services.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Left to right: Michael West (vice-chair), Brianne Goertzen, Jerry Sodomlak, Eva Pryszney, Brian Olynik, Colleen Carswell (chair), Rod Giesbrecht, John Toews, Peter Kotyk

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- 1 Angus McKay School • 850 Woodvale St.
- 2 Arthur Day Middle School • 43 Whitehall Blvd.
- 3 Bertrun E. Glavin Elementary • 166 Antrim Rd.
- 4 Bernie Wolfe Community School • 95 Bournais Dr.
- 5 Bird's Hill School • 3950 Raleigh St.
- 6 Chief Peguis Junior High • 1400 Rothesay St.
- 7 Collège Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau • 216 Redonda St.
- 8 Donwood Elementary School • 400 Donwood Dr.
- 9 Dr. F.W.L. Hamilton School • 3225 Henderson Hwy.
- 10 École Centrale • 604 Day St.
- 11 École Margaret-Underhill • 25 Regina Pl.
- 12 École Regent Park School • 411 Moroz St.
- 13 Emerson Elementary School • 323 Emerson Ave.
- 14 Hampstead School • 920 Hampstead Ave.
- 15 Harold Hatcher Elementary School • 500 Redonda St.
- 16 John de Graff Elementary • 1020 Louelda St.
- 17 John W. Gunn Middle School • 351 Harold Ave. W.
- 18 John G. Stewart School • 2069 Henderson Hwy.
- 19 John Henderson Junior High School • 930 Brazier St.
- 20 John Pritchard School • 1490 Henderson Hwy.
- 21 Joseph Teres School • 131 Sanford Fleming Rd.
- 22 Kildonan-East Collegiate • 845 Concordia Ave.
- 23 Lord Wolseley Elementary School • 939 Henderson Hwy.
- 24 Maple Leaf School • 251 McIvor Ave.
- 25 Murdoch MacKay Collegiate • 260 Redonda St.
- 26 Miles Macdonell Collegiate • 757 Roch St.
- 27 Munroe Junior High School • 405 Munroe Ave.
- 28 Neil Campbell School • 845 Golspie St.
- 29 Polson School • 491 Munroe Ave.
- 30 Prince Edward School • 649 Brazier St.
- 31 Princess Margaret School • 367 Hawthorne Ave.
- 32 Radisson School • 1105 Winona St.
- 33 River East Collegiate • 295 Sutton Ave.
- 34 Robert Andrews School • 3230 Manlius St.
- 35 Salisbury Morse Place School • 795 Prince Rupert Ave.
- 36 Sherwood School • 509 Grey St.
- 37 Springfield Heights School • 505 Sharron Bay
- 38 Sun Valley School • 125 Sun Valley Dr.
- 39 Transcona Collegiate • 1305 Winona St.
- 40 Valley Gardens Middle School • 220 Antrim Rd.
- 41 Wayoata Elementary School • 605 Wayoata St.
- 42 Westview School • 600 Hoka St.



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