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# Rural Education Action Plan

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## Vision

That every learner will complete a high school education with a profound sense of accomplishment, hope and optimism.

## Priority Action Areas

1. Education for Sustainable Development
2. Education in Low-income Communities
3. Aboriginal Education
4. Education in Rural Manitoba
5. Education in Northern Communities

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# Setting the context - Rural Education in Manitoba

## School Year 2009 – 2010:

	<i>No. of Schools</i>	
Public Schools	686	179,802
Independent Schools	89	14,594
Home Schools	733	1,677
<b>Provincial Total</b>	<b>1,508</b>	<b>196,073</b>
English Program Public Schools	631	155,476
French Immersion Schools	101	19,103
Français Schools	29	5,223

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Province-Wide Enrolments							
	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10
<i>Public</i>	188,498	186,668	184,498	182,185	181,446	180,098	179,802
<i>Funded Independent</i>	12,930	13,127	12,878	12,904	13,188	13,362	13,627
<i>Non-Funded Independent</i>	1,360	1,202	1,201	1,155	975	922	967
<i>Home Schooling</i>	1,242	1,167	1,133	1,175	1,235	1,289	1,677
<i>First Nations*</i>	16,897	17,700	16,683	16,505	16,834	16,919	Not yet available
<b>Total</b>	<b>220,927</b>	<b>219,864</b>	<b>216,393</b>	<b>213,924</b>	<b>213,678</b>	<b>212,590</b>	

*\*Indian and Northern Affairs Canada*

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## Urban Manitoba

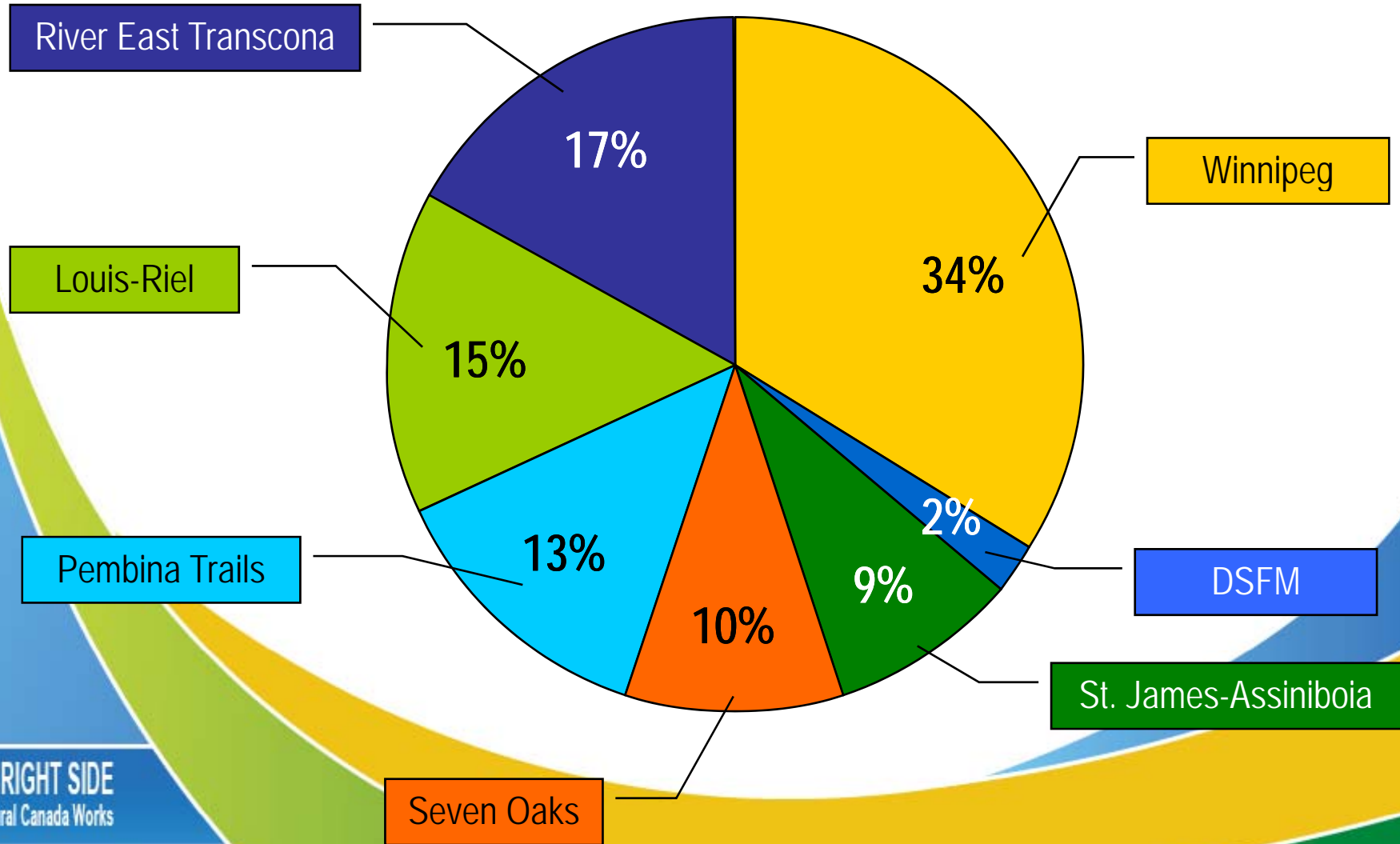
Winnipeg	32,664	(+63)
River East Transcona	16,616	(-274)
Louis-Riel	14,403	(-117)
Pembina Trails	12,720	(+42)
Seven Oaks	9,644	(+431)
St. James-Assiniboia	8,525	(-167)
DSFM	1,964	(+)
<b>Total Urban:</b>	<b>96,536</b>	

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## Rural Manitoba

School Division	Sept. 2009	Change	%
Beautiful Plains	1 490	25	1,7%
Border Land	2 435	39	1,6%
Brandon	7 333	115	1,6%
Division scolaire franco-manitobaine	2867		+
Evergreen	1 671	0	0,0%
Fort La Bosse	1 400	8	0,6%
Garden Valley	4 234	164	4,0%
Hanover	7 458	(39 )	(0,5%)
Interlake	3 042	(100 )	(3,2%)
Lakeshore	1 307	(22 )	(1,7%)
Lord Selkirk	4 585	(47 )	(1,0%)
Mountain View	3 218	27	0,8%

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## Rural Manitoba (continuation)

School Division	Sept. 2009	Change	%
Park West	1 760	(46 )	(2,5%)
Pine Creek	1 182	(12 )	(1,0%)
Portage La Prairie	3 272	(79 )	(2,4%)
Prairie Rose	2 140	(75 )	(3,4%)
Prairie Spirit	2 222	(28 )	(1,2%)
Red River Valley	2 079	(30 )	(1,4%)
Rolling River	1 882	(6 )	(0,3%)
Seine River	3 717	62	1,7%
Southwest Horizon	1 671	1	0,1%
Sunrise	4 780	(114 )	(2,3%)
Swan Valley	1 635	5	0,3%
Turtle Mountain	1 027	(20 )	(1,9%)
Turtle River	787	(9 )	(1,1%)
Western	1 695	35	2,1%
Whiteshell	209	3	1,5%

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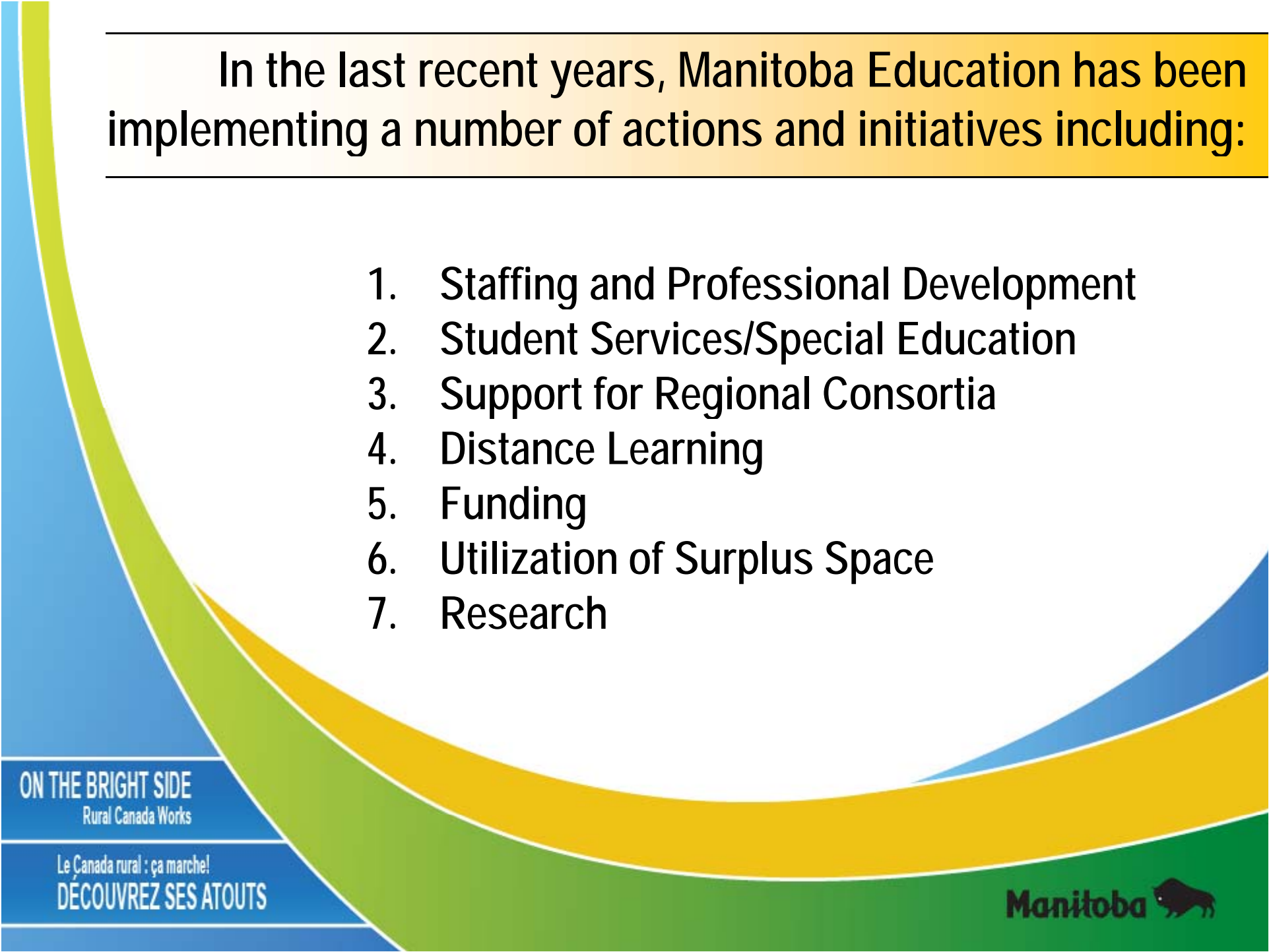
## Northern Manitoba

School Division	Sept. 2009	Change	%
Division scolaire franco-manitobaine (Thompson)	41		
Flin Flon	1 067	(25)	(2,3%)
Frontier	6 424	7	0,1%
Kelsey	1 683	20	1,2%
Mystery Lake	2 953	(113)	(3,7%)

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In the last recent years, Manitoba Education has been implementing a number of actions and initiatives including:

1. Staffing and Professional Development
2. Student Services/Special Education
3. Support for Regional Consortia
4. Distance Learning
5. Funding
6. Utilization of Surplus Space
7. Research

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# 1. Staffing and Professional Development

## Multilevel classrooms - Essential Learnings

**Indépendants ensemble**

Au service de la communauté  
apprenante à niveaux  
multiples

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**Independent Together**

Supporting the Multilevel  
Learning Community

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# 1. Staffing and Professional Development

## Education Services

- Audit of the professional learning needs of educators, conducted in 2009.
- Application development started in September 2010 to be piloted and tested between January and April 2011.
- It is projected that all Manitoba educators will have access to the Educator Services online PL platform by fall 2011.

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# 1. Staffing and Professional Development

## French-Language Education

- Support teachers of French Immersion programs or Basic French courses
- Focus on revitalisation («*Collabonord*»)
- Library services

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## 2. Student Services/Special Education

### Four positions are specific to the Rural and Northern Student Services

- Professional Learning Support
- Clinical Supervision
- Specialized hardware and software made available

### In 2009-2010 the department provided:

222 student specific consultations  
40 school wide consultations  
270 division wide consultations

*In addition, consultants provided 100 professional learning sessions for approximately 3000 participants in rural and northern divisions/schools.*

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## 2. Student Services/Special Education


Video conference capacity

Partnership with

- Frontier School Division
- Mystery Lake School District
- MFNERC

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## 2. Student Services/Special Education

# Bursary program

to support the training of clinicians who will provide service in difficult to recruit areas.

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### 3. Regional consortia

## International Education



Beautiful Plains School Division



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SCHOOL DIVISION



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Beautiful Plains - Fort La Bosse - Rolling River - Turtle Mountain - Southwest Horizon

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### 3. Regional consortia

RRTVA is a group of school divisions in south-eastern and south-central Manitoba dedicated to providing access to high quality technology education programs for area high school students.

#### Partner School Divisions include:

Border Land School Division  
Division scolaire franco-manitobaine  
Garden Valley School Division  
Red River Valley School Division  
Western School Division

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# 3. Regional consortia

## CTS

*Career and Technology Studies*



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SCHOOL DIVISION



**Evergreen**  
School Division



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## 4. Distance Learning

Increase collaboration among school divisions  
with the sharing of courses offered

**2009 - 2010**

Pilot project with Lakeshore, Fort La Bosse  
Physics, Biology and Law

**2010 - 2011**

Continue Pilot Project with Lakeshore, Fort La Bosse and Evergreen

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## 5. Funding

The Funding of Schools Program includes a number of measures that are sensitive to circumstances in rural school divisions including:

- a sparsity grant based on the enrolment and geographical size of the division
- transportation and coordinator/clinician support includes sparsity provisions
- a Small School grant is provided to assist with the higher costs incurred by rural school divisions in operating small schools
- the Equalization component of the formula has been adjusted to smooth the effect of declining enrolment on equalization funding
- use of previous year enrolment to calculate current year funding essentially allows school divisions a year to adjust resource levels to enrolment declines, without losing funding in the year of the decline

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## 5. Funding

The Funding of Schools Program includes a number of measures that are sensitive to circumstances in rural school divisions including:

- the declining enrolment grant provisions in the formula further assist school divisions who experience a decrease in enrolment
- a 2% Formula Guarantee to ensure every school division receives at least a 2% increase in funding (despite declining enrolment)
- additional Instructional support for Small Schools to further assist with the costs associated with operating small schools

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## 6. School facilities

Recent survey - joint use of school  
and community facilities to inform  
policy development

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## 7. Research

### Rural Education: A Review of Provincial and Territorial Initiatives 2009

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**Thank you!**  
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