Show Pallister your support for Post-Secondary Education!

Honk-a-thon Friday, May 1 @ 12pm
(details below)

Over two weeks ago the Government announced that up to 30% in cuts were coming to the public sector. A widespread consensus quickly arose: the Premier’s response to the pandemic will do damage to the future of our province.

This Tuesday the Premier suggested to the media that the cuts would be less than 10%. That’s still too much! In a time of fiscal crisis we need investments, not cuts, to public services to ensure we come out of this recession with a head start on recovery.

Demand for public education has increased because of the pandemic’s effects on the economy. In response, the government of Manitoba must:

1. Publicly acknowledge that the province of Manitoba is in the middle of the pack with respect to provincial debt to GDP levels in Canada. Like other provinces, it has the power to invest in the future.

2. Cancel all cuts to the public sector and fund all the public services necessary to ensure our economy and social fabric will outlast the virus.

3. Provide a clear plan for economic recovery that acknowledges the need to maintain a vital public sector, including post-secondary education.

4. Provide detailed information on how much, and where, our tax money is being spent to ensure the health of Manitobans.

5. Acknowledge that the provincial government is sending mixed messages: in public they claim their cuts are temporary, but in private they say they are permanent, and they refuse proposals that would avoid layoffs.

6. Instead of diminishing public institutions vital to the economic and social fabric of the province, the government must increase University funding and autonomy!
Let the government know you support these demands!

**STEP 1: Make a sign, or print the one below**

Tell the government why we need investment in PSE, not cuts!

- Use your crafting skills to get your message across – create a sign for your car!
- Or, print the poster found below
- These will go in your car window on Friday

**STEP 2: Email members of the legislature with your demands!**

**Premier Brian Pallister**  
premier@leg.gov.mb.ca

**Ralph Eichler, Minister of Economic Development and Training**  
minedt@leg.gov.mb.ca

**Wab Kinew, Leader of the Official Opposition (NDP)**  
Wab.Kinew@leg.gov.mb.ca

**Dougald Lamont, Leader of the Liberal Party of Manitoba**  
Dougald.Lamont@leg.gov.mb.ca

**List of MLAs with contact information:**  
https://www.gov.mb.ca/legislature/members/mla_list_constituency.html

**STEP 3: Join the rally at noon to make some noise**

- Take a photo of you with your sign at home. Post it on social media and tag your University, your Faculty Association, and MOFA before you head out

- Drive to the Legislature on Friday, May 1 – arrive by 12pm
  - Drive carefully!
  - Bring a noise-maker; honk your horn!

- Practice responsible physical distancing while at the rally:
  - Drive safe: go slowly, honk your horn, watch out for pedestrians and cyclists (many other community groups will be there).
  - Stay in your car and practice physical distancing!
STEP 4: Share your Story

- Share how the pandemic has affected you, your family, and your community
  - Share how Pallister's cuts will affect you, your family and your community
    Consider taking a photo of your sign with you and your family and post it to social media
  - Tag your posts with #PublicSectorWorks
  - Share your posts with MOFA/FAPUM, CAUT/ACPPU and your Faculty Association on Twitter: CAUT/ACPPU, UMFA, UWFA, and on Facebook: UMFA

*Communities Not Cuts* has organized this rally, which the Winnipeg Labour Council also endorses. For more information, see their website: [https://www.cncmanitoba.ca/mayday](https://www.cncmanitoba.ca/mayday)

*Next page – rally poster!*
INVEST in the Public Sector!

INVEST In Post-Secondary Education!

Manitoba Organization of Faculty Associations
Fédération des Associations des Professeurs Universitaires du Manitoba