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To: Parents and Guardians of Grades 5 to 12 Students

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Re: Access to Menstrual Product Initiative

In September 2022, Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning and the department of Families launched the *Access to Menstrual Products Initiative*, a three-year pilot project, to provide free pads and tampons in Manitoba schools with products donated by Shoppers Drug Mart Inc.

The department is inviting Manitoba youth in Grades 5 to 12 to share their lived experiences, perspectives and ideas on access to menstrual products in their schools.

Students may participate in the online survey at this link: https://manitoba.ca/menstrual_products/students or by using the camera on their smartphone to scan the QR Code on the attached poster. Student participation is voluntary and all responses will remain confidential. The deadline to complete and submit the survey is **May 7, 2025**.

The information and ideas gathered from youth will inform the recommendations in the final report of the *Access to Menstrual Products Initiative* and help decide on next steps.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email: <u>ie@gov.mb.ca</u>.

Sincerely,

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