



MANITOBA'S

NDP

**A PLAN FOR
ALL OF US**



“All we want is for you to give our kids a fighting chance.”

When I heard those words, I’d just finished meeting with a group of parents of children with special needs in the Parkland region of Manitoba. This mother had stuck around to speak to me one-on-one and the emotion in her voice moved me. Like many Manitobans, she doesn’t expect government to do everything for her and her family. But she does expect our government to do something – and that’s to make sure that everyone in this province has a chance at making a good life for themselves.

Helping people like her is the reason I got into politics. I believe it’s time for a government that’s in it for families like hers – and families like yours.

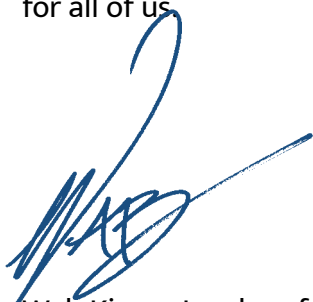
I know what it’s like. My wife, Lisa, and I are raising our young family in Winnipeg. We understand your stresses and your hopes, because we share them. We want our lives, and our children’s lives, to be about achieving their dreams and experiencing the best of life.

My party, the Manitoba NDP, is connected to everyday families. And we have a plan to make things better for all of us. While a government can’t do everything, it can — and should — work hard for everyday families to make life easier and more affordable.

Time and time again, Brian Pallister has made it clear: he’s not in it for everyday families like yours. His cuts have thrown the health care system we count on into chaos. He’s made your life more expensive. And he has no good plan to protect our environment. These aren’t accidents; they are deliberate choices he has made. And it’s because he’s only in it for those at the top.

We will make different choices, because we have different priorities. We want to help every family in Manitoba build a good life and a great future. This is our plan. It shows how we’ll support the creation of thousands of good, family-supporting jobs — and make sure Manitobans have the education and training they need to take advantage of these opportunities. We will restore our public health care services, make your life more affordable, and help build stronger communities.

These are our commitments to Manitobans. This isn’t a plan for those at the top. It’s a plan for all of us.



Wab Kinew, Leader of the Manitoba NDP

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OUR THREE MAIN COMMITMENTS:

1 **FIX PALLISTER'S
HEALTH CARE CRISIS**

2 **GOOD JOBS AND
SUSTAINABLE GROWTH**

3 **AN AFFORDABLE
QUALITY OF LIFE**



FIX PALLISTER'S HEALTH CARE CRISIS

Brian Pallister has closed Emergency Rooms, **fired 500 nurses**, eliminated 128 acute-care beds, and plunged the health care system — the one your family relies on — into chaos. Rural communities have seen ERs close because there aren't enough doctors to staff them. The air ambulance service, which helped save lives by ensuring Manitobans could be reached in the event of an emergency far from hospital, is being sold off. And Pallister cancelled northern health services that families and seniors relied on. And yet, with all these cuts, Pallister also chose to create a new bureaucratic agency in health care.

Another term of Pallister will mean more cuts and chaos. And he will bring in health care premiums — a new tax on health care — unless we stop him.

Wab Kinew is passionate about health care. It's one of the reasons he got into public life. A Manitoba NDP government will stop the crises and chaos in health care, and make wise investments that focus more on prevention — keeping people healthy and at home in their community.

For example, when Pallister cut physiotherapy for seniors after hip and knee replacements, he may have saved a few dollars in the short term, but hurt patients and made health care less efficient overall. Services like these allow people to stay healthy at home for longer. That gives people a better quality of life, and avoids costly re-hospitalizations and repeat surgeries. Investing in prevention and community health, and reducing social inequality, today, are among the best ways to reduce ER visits in the future. That's why our vision is for a public health care system that's strong, always accessible when you need it, and focused on prevention to keep Manitobans healthy.

WE WILL:

- End Pallister's rushed and reckless ER plan, reopen ERs, and open more acute care beds;
- End the chaos in health care by listening to the people on the front lines;
- Stop firing nurses and instead hire more nurses in critical areas. And we'll reset our relationship with nurses and health care professionals, restoring the trust and respect broken by the Pallister government;
- Cancel Pallister's plans for cuts to CancerCare and improve services for cancer patients;
- Transform mental health care for Manitobans, starting by appointing a Minister Responsible for Mental Health and Addictions, creating new community-based mental health services, doubling the number of counsellors in ACCESS Centres, and examining how to fund some eligible mental health costs for families;
- Increase community-based health care, offer more family-friendly hours in clinics, and train more Nurse Practitioners;
- Make Manitoba a leading voice for universal national Pharmacare and work *with* the Federal government to lower drug costs for Manitoba families;
- Reinstate the coverage for outpatient physiotherapy and sleep-apnea treatment, and revive the Special Drugs Program through an enhanced Pharmacare program;
- Cancel Pallister's plans to privatize home care, which is more expensive, and redirect the savings into improving home care for Manitobans. As part of our commitment to restoring home care, we believe the length of home care visits should reflect the care offered, so that every person receives the time and support they need;
- Improve palliative care with better training for health care professionals, and by developing a new province-wide palliative strategy;
- Put women's health first by supporting access to reproductive health care, offering free menstrual products in schools, rehiring the lactation consultants fired by Pallister, and giving recently trained midwives good jobs right here in Manitoba, instead of telling them to go look for work in other provinces;
- Give northern Manitobans better health care closer to home by reinstating the obstetrics program in Flin Flon and Lifeflight, hiring more midwives in northern communities, and partnering with the Federal government on new hospital-level health centres in northern First Nations communities;
- Address the social determinants of health by: improving Rent Assist by reversing cuts made by Pallister; improving EIA rates; restoring the Getting Started benefit; and beginning to transform EIA into a basic income by eliminating the "welfare wall" as a disincentive to work; and striking a task force on a basic income and a dignified income for people with severe and prolonged disabilities;
- Ensure LGBTQIA2S+ people have access to health care services that are respectful and appropriate; introduce a non-binary option on Manitoba government ID such as health registration cards and driver's licences;
- Reduce the health care bureaucracy at the highest levels, and ensure any changes to health care administration mean more front-line services, not more highly-paid bureaucrats; and
- **Never introduce health care premiums.**

MANITOBANS MUST PAY HEALTH PREMIUMS OR FACE CUTS TO SERVICES: PREMIER

- CBC Sept 13/17

HEALTH FEE COULD HIT \$900 PER ADULT

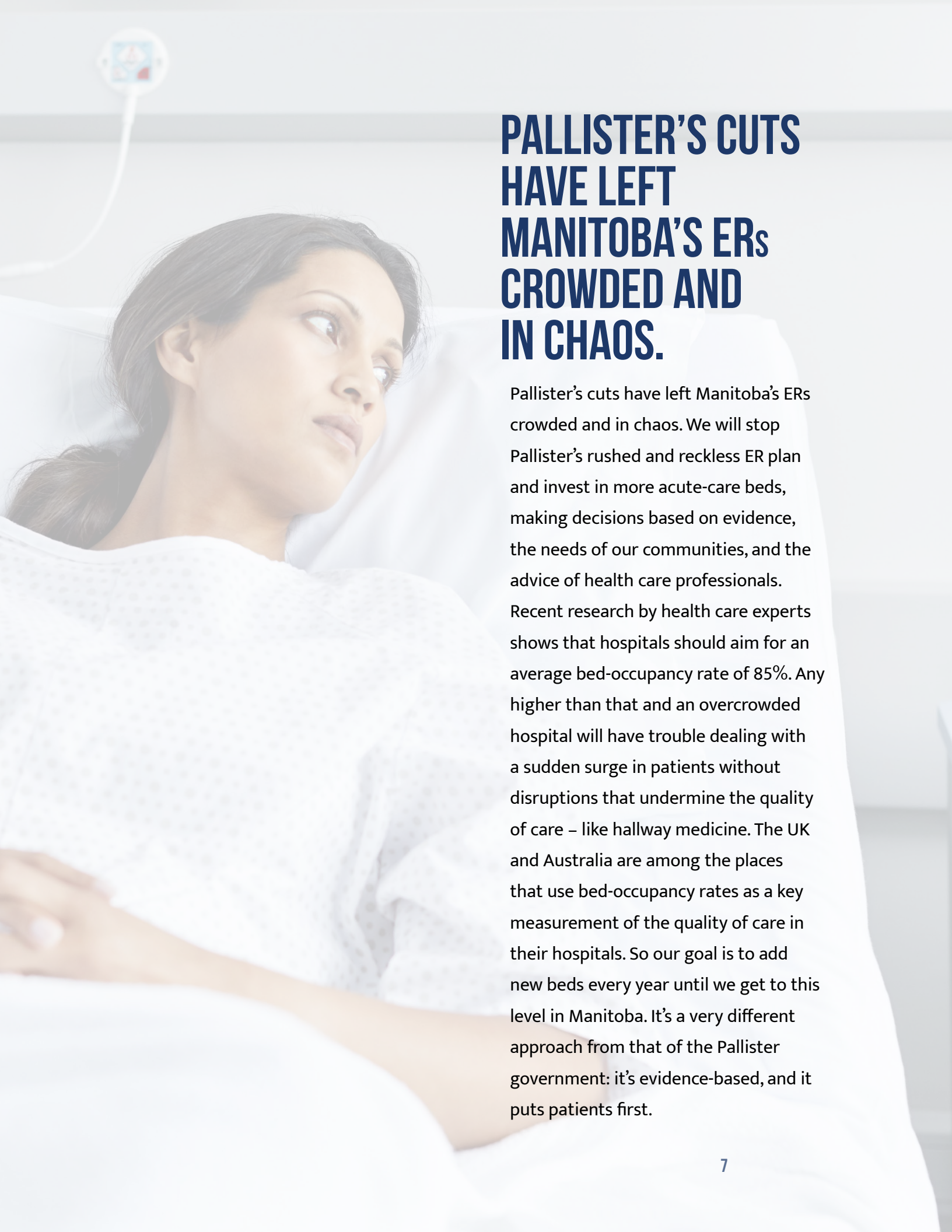
- WFP Sept. 14/17

TORIES EYE HEALTH CARE TAX

- WFP Sept 13, 2017

'IT'S MOST CERTAINLY A TAX INCREASE': MANITOBA PREMIER CONSIDERING HEALTH-CARE PREMIUMS

- Global, Sept. 13/17

A woman with dark hair tied back is lying in a hospital bed, looking off to the side with a thoughtful expression. She is wearing a white hospital gown. A medical monitor is visible in the background.

PALLISTER'S CUTS HAVE LEFT MANITOBA'S ERs CROWDED AND IN CHAOS.

Pallister's cuts have left Manitoba's ERs crowded and in chaos. We will stop Pallister's rushed and reckless ER plan and invest in more acute-care beds, making decisions based on evidence, the needs of our communities, and the advice of health care professionals. Recent research by health care experts shows that hospitals should aim for an average bed-occupancy rate of 85%. Any higher than that and an overcrowded hospital will have trouble dealing with a sudden surge in patients without disruptions that undermine the quality of care – like hallway medicine. The UK and Australia are among the places that use bed-occupancy rates as a key measurement of the quality of care in their hospitals. So our goal is to add new beds every year until we get to this level in Manitoba. It's a very different approach from that of the Pallister government: it's evidence-based, and it puts patients first.



GOOD JOBS AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

While Brian Pallister has created a few lucrative jobs for high-priced consultants and his powerful friends, regular Manitobans have suffered from his choices. It is harder than ever for a young person to find a good job. It's harder for working families to make ends meet, especially because Pallister has kept the minimum wage below poverty level. And at a time when lifelong education and training has never been more important, Pallister has actually made attending university and college MORE expensive, and changed the law so that students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 receive LESS one-on-one time with their teachers.

Manitoba employers regularly single out skill shortages as their major impediment to growth, so Pallister's cuts are not just hurting students — they are hurting our economy as a whole.

Every Manitoban who wants to work should be able to find work. Even if we can't get there all at once, that is the goal. And no one who works full-time hours should be stuck living in poverty.

Wab Kinew understands the opportunities offered by technology and the role of education in allowing people of all ages to overcome obstacles and succeed. And as Premier, he's committed to investing in schools, universities, and colleges.

WE WILL:

- Give our kids a better start in school by restoring the cap on K-3 class sizes that Pallister eliminated and putting more Educational Assistants in classrooms;
- Help every child overcome the unique challenges they face by providing better supports in schools, such as mental health supports and healthy food;
- Help thousands of post-secondary students pay for their schooling while learning valuable job skills with co-op job placements and paid internships;
- Make university and college more affordable by freezing tuition growth to inflation and keeping student loans interest-free; and help rural, northern and Indigenous students by restoring the ACCESS bursary that was cut by Pallister;
- Improve investments in Manitoba's roads, schools, hospitals, and other infrastructure, and work with industry to create a Centre of Excellence for Infrastructure Innovation;
- Make significant infrastructure investments in Brandon;
- Improve transit for Manitobans by reinstating the 50-50 operating grant for municipal transit agencies in Manitoba that Pallister cut;
- Make Manitoba's education system more flexible to allow students to take different pathways to success;
- Take Manitoba Hydro back from Brian Pallister and return it to Manitobans; use it to generate more green jobs with expanded broadband, install geothermal and solar using Hydro expertise, and begin to transition Hydro into a renewable energy company;
- Build more child care spaces for young families, and commit to an ambitious goal of affordable, high-quality, accessible child care for all families, starting with bringing the child care system under the Department of Education;
- Support French-language students by restoring the Assistant Deputy Minister in the Bureau de l'éducation française and, working together, develop a strategy to recruit French-language teachers;
- Focus on smart job growth by convening an annual Tech Summit, which includes innovation and creative economy, with education leaders, entrepreneurs, and labour, to listen to the experts, and make sure we are training workers for the jobs of tomorrow;
- Work with — not against — Indigenous communities to ensure everyone is around the table before major projects (including Manitoba Hydro projects) begin, and create job opportunities for Indigenous peoples by putting Resource Revenue Sharing into a Jobs Fund for Indigenous communities, starting by negotiating a fair deal on a gaming fund;
- Create good jobs, bring unemployed Manitobans back into the workforce and, at the same time, meet social needs by better aligning social enterprises and government procurement;
- Put people back to work in Northern Manitoba by using the Mining Community Reserve Fund;
- Strike an emergency task force to help find new international markets for canola, pork, and other producers; and help young agricultural producers by reviewing Crown Lands policies;
- Renew the government's relationship with fishers by committing to consult meaningfully with them;
- Develop a disability policy lens and provincial disability strategy to address issues such as transportation, access to technology and housing; these will complement the Accessibility for Manitobans Act; and
- Help train more people in key professions like nurses, doctors and engineers with Return of Service Agreements.

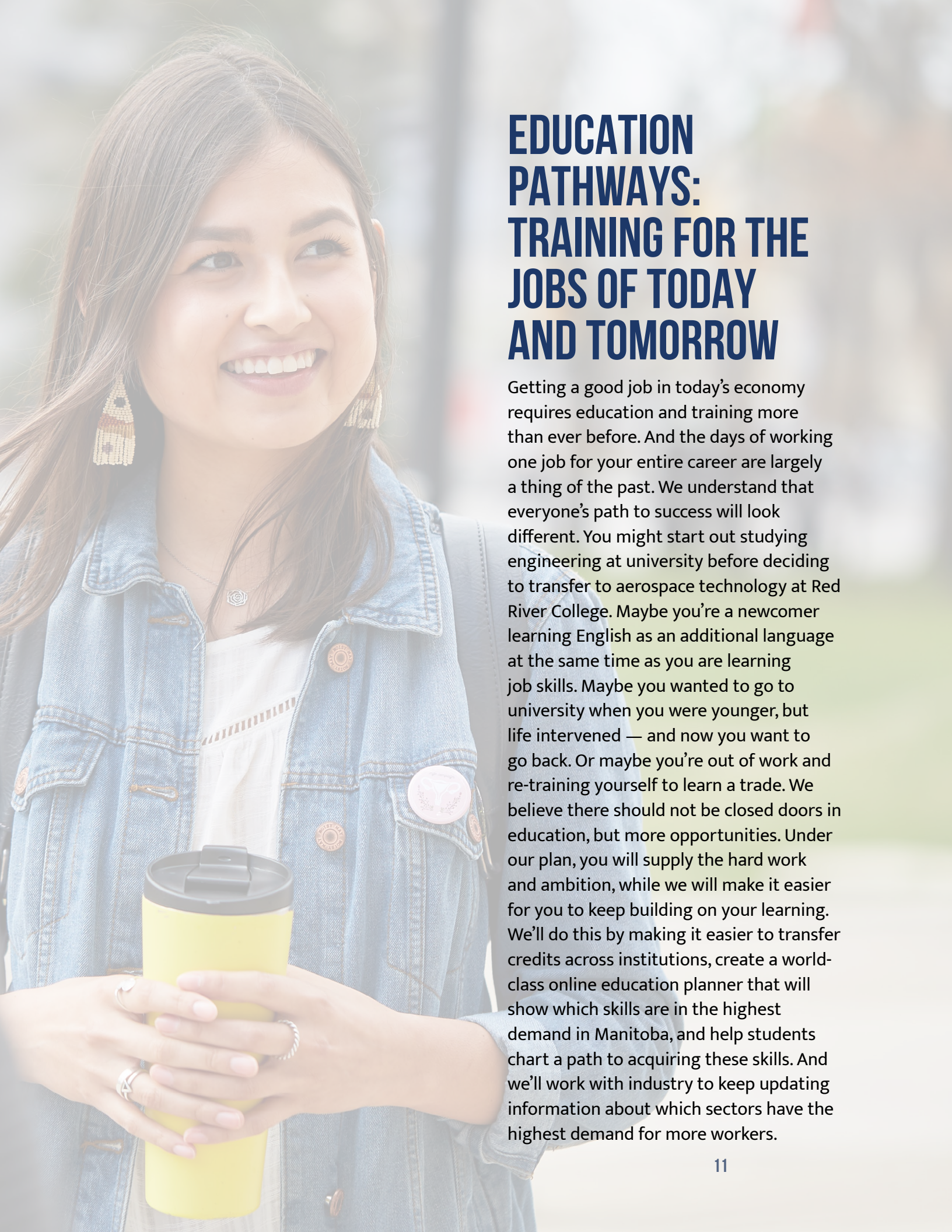


THE BEST POSSIBLE START FOR OUR KIDS

While Pallister's cuts started with health care, it's clear that education is his next target. The government's review of public education is laying the groundwork for cuts to our schools. And, in this election, we are determined to stop Pallister before he can do any more damage.

All parents understand the value of giving their kids more one-on-one time with their teachers. That's why we will restore the cap on class sizes that was removed by Pallister. And we will free up teachers to do what they do best — teach! — by investing in the kinds of supports that help kids overcome barriers outside the classroom, such as hunger, poverty, and mental-health issues.

Public child care is a smart investment, one that meets the needs of our children and the economy, while also being good for gender equity. In order to continue to work toward our goal of affordable, high-quality child care for all families, and to maximize the social and economic benefits of public child care, we will bring the child care system under the Department of Education. This change recognizes the continuity from early childhood education through K-12 schooling, to post-secondary education and beyond.



EDUCATION PATHWAYS: TRAINING FOR THE JOBS OF TODAY AND TOMORROW

Getting a good job in today's economy requires education and training more than ever before. And the days of working one job for your entire career are largely a thing of the past. We understand that everyone's path to success will look different. You might start out studying engineering at university before deciding to transfer to aerospace technology at Red River College. Maybe you're a newcomer learning English as an additional language at the same time as you are learning job skills. Maybe you wanted to go to university when you were younger, but life intervened — and now you want to go back. Or maybe you're out of work and re-training yourself to learn a trade. We believe there should not be closed doors in education, but more opportunities. Under our plan, you will supply the hard work and ambition, while we will make it easier for you to keep building on your learning. We'll do this by making it easier to transfer credits across institutions, create a world-class online education planner that will show which skills are in the highest demand in Manitoba, and help students chart a path to acquiring these skills. And we'll work with industry to keep updating information about which sectors have the highest demand for more workers.



AN AFFORDABLE QUALITY OF LIFE

One of the best things about Manitoba is that a good quality of life is affordable for families. While most Manitobans don't own lavish villas in Costa Rica, camping in a provincial park, fishing trips, or maybe spending time at a family cottage on one of Manitoba's 100,000 lakes are all within reach.

But Brian Pallister is making things harder. He's made it **more expensive to heat your home, more expensive to go to university or college**, and, if you live in Winnipeg, **he's made your property taxes go up**. He actually intervened in MPI to **force Manitobans to pay more for auto insurance** — and protect the profits of private insurance brokers. He promised to build more personal care homes, but has not built a single bed. He's done all of this while giving out millions in lucrative contracts to his powerful friends. And if he gets another term in office, **he will bring in a health-care premium — forcing Manitobans to pay a new tax on health care**.

Added to this, the threats to a good quality of life are being felt more and more, as a result of the climate crisis. It is the defining issue of our time, with far-reaching global consequences, and real effects here at home. In addition to floods and wildfires that threaten communities, more Manitobans are suffering from health problems from breathing smoke in the air. And we risk losing jobs due to disruptions in industry and agriculture. That's why we will take strong steps to address climate change, protect our homes, and secure our children's futures. Our focus is on getting results for you, not political posturing and wasting money on lawyers like Pallister does.

WE WILL:

- Help families make greener choices and keep life affordable, while working with the Federal government to put a price on pollution and make big polluters pay;
- Continue to index Personal Income Tax brackets and Basic Personal Amount to inflation;
- Maintain current timeline to return to balance as in Manitoba Budget 2019;
- Ask the top 1% of income earners – individuals earning over \$250,000 – to contribute a bit more, and using those funds to invest in public services for all Manitobans;
- Help small businesses by increasing the small-business tax threshold to allow an estimated 2,000 more small businesses to pay no income tax;
- Commit to meet the targets outlined in the Paris Accord with science and evidence-based policies. To start, we will end oil and gas subsidies and ban oil and gas fracking in Manitoba;
- Support mining jobs in northern Manitoba by granting multi-year mining permits;
- Offer meaningful help to make it more affordable for Manitobans to buy their first home;
- Make it easier to visit loved ones in hospital;
- Increase the minimum wage to \$15/hr, because no one working full-time should have to live in poverty;
- Bring in laws that better protect consumers and make cell phone bills more affordable, while improving cell coverage in rural communities;
- Immediately cancel Pallister's \$23 million contracts for his powerful friends and use the savings to fund vital public services for all of us;
- Put the interests of drivers ahead of insurance brokers by ensuring MPI is allowed to pursue its core mandate of providing low rates and comprehensive coverage;
- Work with the Federal government to build more affordable housing, invest in transitional housing and shelters for victims of domestic and intimate partner violence, and rebalance the appeals system to be more fair to renters;
- Strengthen legislation that protects Manitoba Hydro from the threat of privatization in order to keep your rates low;
- Support the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, starting by reforming the child welfare system to recognize the right of Indigenous children to grow up in Indigenous households;
- Establish a Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Committee of Cabinet led by Indigenous women, who will work with families to implement recommendations coming out of the National Inquiry;
- Partner with the Federal Government to enhance English-language services for newcomers while phasing out the \$500 application fee for the Provincial Nominee Program;
- Make workplaces safer by restoring and improving workplace health and safety standards;
- Make communities safer by introducing meaningful, effective, evidence-based measures to combat addictions, including a Safe Consumption Site, Managed Alcohol Program, and new facilities; and
- Work with the City and other municipalities to protect our waterways and improve surface-water protections. With these and other actions we will bring Lake Winnipeg back to health, and protect it for future generations.



SOLVING THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND CREATING NEW CAREERS IN MANITOBA WITH CLEANER, HEALTHIER ENERGY

Climate change is the challenge of our time. And the consequences are already affecting all Manitobans, in the form of floods, wildfires, and droughts.

But in Manitoba, climate change is also a great opportunity. While oil-rich provinces face tough choices between jobs and the environment, in Manitoba things are different. We are rich in hydroelectric power, which is cleaner, healthier, and more reliable energy. And we are more sensitive now to the human costs of Hydro developments, and we will actively address that legacy in a positive way.

Unlike fossil fuels, demand for hydro will continue to grow, even while companies and countries around the world phase out gas-powered vehicles and replace them with electric ones.

In other words, there are many opportunities for Manitobans to come out ahead financially, and for the economy as a whole to benefit, while taking serious action on climate change.

Only the Manitoba NDP can be trusted to take advantage of this opportunity to create new careers in a cleaner, healthier province, by keeping Manitoba Hydro strong, growing, and publicly owned.

YOU DESERVE A GOVERNMENT THAT WORKS — FOR ALL OF US

Being Premier is all about making choices. And the choices that Brian Pallister has made show he's out of touch with the priorities of everyday families.

He said he had no choice but to close ERs and fire nurses. But that's not true.

He did have a choice. He just made the wrong choice.

While he was cutting services for everyday Manitobans, he found \$23 million dollars to hand out in lucrative contracts for his powerful friends, like Clayton Manness and Gary Filmon.

Over and over, it seems he can't work with anyone. He picks petty fights with the Mayor of Winnipeg, instead of focusing on fixing the roads and building housing. He fights with the Federal government, delaying important infrastructure funds for Manitoba. He meddles in the work of Crown corporations as if they belonged to him, instead of to all Manitobans. The entire board of Manitoba Hydro — people he appointed — quit because Pallister refused to meet with them. And when the Premier can't work with others, it hurts all Manitobans.

When Churchill lost its essential rail service, instead of leading he blamed everyone else. He has buried his head in the sand while a meth crisis grows out of control. He introduced a carbon tax, and then flip-flopped on how to address climate change.

The choice in this election is clear. Brian Pallister is out of touch with everyday families, and only it in for those at the top. He is an old-fashioned politician with no positive vision. Wab Kinew offers a forward-looking, fresh perspective and new ideas. He'll work with everyone to find real solutions and get things done. Wab will make families' lives better, and help create a bright future for young people in Manitoba. The details are in this plan. It's a plan for all of us.

PLATFORM COSTS

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
	\$ M	\$ M	\$ M	\$ M
FIX PALLISTER'S HEALTH CUTS	29.5	43.4	34.9	34.9
Funds costs of meeting the commitments made in this platform to repair the damage done to the health care system by the Pallister government and improve health care for Manitobans, with an emphasis on prevention and the social determinants of health. Includes reopening hospital emergency rooms in Winnipeg and adding acute care beds, training and hiring nurses and nurse practitioners, measures to support mental health care for Manitobans, and measures to support women's health and northern health.				
GOOD JOBS AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH	24.8	39.9	55.1	77.3
Funds costs of meeting the commitments made in this platform to: support robust economic development and the creation of thousands of new careers for Manitobans; provide education, training, and other supports to allow Manitobans to embark on those careers; and to enable all communities to enjoy the benefit of a strong economy and labour market. Includes investments in education, child care, and EIA, and support for Indigenous and northern communities. Also includes four-year infrastructure program.				
AN AFFORDABLE QUALITY OF LIFE	15	17.5	17.5	17.5
Funds costs of meeting the commitments made in this platform to ensure a high quality of life while improving affordability for Manitoba families. Includes affordable housing construction, environmental protections, and initiatives to combat addictions.				
TOTAL NEW EXPENDITURES	69.4	100.8	107.5	129.7
REVENUE & EXPENDITURE SAVINGS	72.3	113.3	114.6	130.2
Revenue Improvements				
Improved Revenue from Infrastructure Investment	15.3	22.6	22.6	37.2
Tax Changes				
Increase contributions from top 1% of taxpayers. Increase the Small Business Exemption for small businesses to \$550,000.	5	31.7	33	34
Expenditure Savings				
Redirect 2019 increase for Internal Services Adjustments to other priorities. Reduce discretionary spending by 2% , hire fewer consultants, reduce health bureaucracy, end social investment bond program, reintegrate Efficiency Manitoba into Hydro, eliminate Regulatory Accountability Secretariat and reduce system wide advertising.	52	59	59	59
SURPLUS TO DEFICIT REDUCTION	3.0	12.6	7.1	0.5
Projected (Deficit) – Budget 2019	(273.0)	(128.0)	(28.0)	0.0
Budget (Deficit)/Surplus – NDP Plan	(270.0)	(115.4)	(20.9)	0.5

Totals may not add due to rounding

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