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A MESSAGE FROM DAN

I am honoured to be re-elected as your Member of Parliament for Saint Boniface—Saint Vital. I look forward to representing all of you in the House of Commons, and continuing to connect with you at events throughout the riding, where public health regulations allow, or through my constituency office.

With a new parliamentary session before us, we will work to continue progress on:

- Ending the fight against COVID-19

- Creating a national child care plan
- Tackling the climate crisis
- Supporting universal healthcare, mental health programs and surgical backlog recovery
- Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, based on rights recognition

I look forward to providing you regular updates on our progress.

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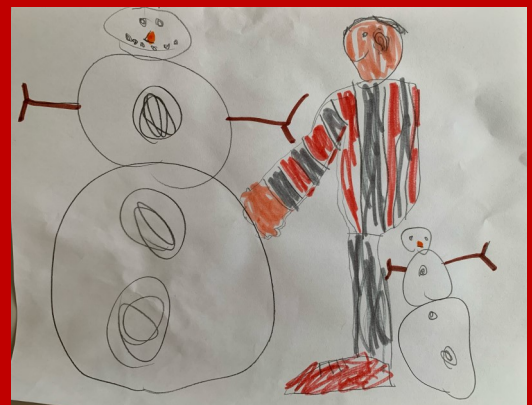
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SUBMIT A DRAWING FOR MY CALENDAR

Once again, I'd like to include children's artwork in my annual calendar!

I invite youth under 18 from Saint Boniface—Saint Vital to submit a drawing that can be showcased in my 2022 calendar that is sent to every household in the riding. As there is space for up to 28 photos, a small committee will select the pictures that will appear in the calendar.

Drawings can be sent by mail or email by **November 20**. Please provide the full name and age of the artist, as well as your contact info so I can be in touch!



ADDITIONAL HEALTH CARE SUPPORT



Last July, our government announced funding to the provinces and territories to further support vaccination campaigns and ensure our health care systems remain resilient and responsive to Canadians' needs.

This funding includes

\$4 billion through a one-time top-up to the Canada Health Transfer to help address the extreme pressures that COVID-19 has put on our health care systems.

Manitoba received over \$145 million to help address immediate health system pressures, including clearing the backlog of medical procedures, patient care, and access to primary care, put on hold due to the pandemic.

The remaining funding of \$1 billion is intended to support vaccine rollout campaigns across the country and helping Canadians receive their first and second doses as quickly as possible.

Manitoba received more than \$36 million to support a variety of vaccine-related costs, such as recruiting and training immunizers, establishing mass vaccination clinics, setting up mobile vaccination units, engaging Indigenous communities to advance vaccine rollout, and reaching vulnerable populations through community-based vaccination efforts.

GREENER HOMES AND BUILDINGS

To help achieve our ambitious climate objectives, two important programs were launched to help improve energy-efficiency in our homes and community buildings.

The **Canada Greener Homes Grant** will help make homes more comfortable and more affordable to maintain while also supporting our environmental objectives. The Grant will provide Canadian homeowners with up to \$5,000 to help make energy-efficient upgrades to their homes. For details, visit bit.ly/3uFE1T0

The **Green and Inclusive Community Buildings** program will support more inclusive and resilient communities where all Canadians have opportunities to thrive. The program aims to build more community buildings and improve existing ones – in particular in areas with populations experiencing higher needs – while also making the buildings more energy efficient, lower carbon, more resilient, and higher performing. For more information, visit bit.ly/3owwjcN.



SAFER SCHOOLS



The safe return to class fund is making sure schools have what they need to keep students and teachers safe.

That's support for:

- adapted learning spaces and remote learning;
- PPE and cleaning supplies;
- better air ventilation in classrooms.

In August 2020, we announced our \$2 billion investment in the Safe Return to Class Fund, in order to invest in the health and safety of students and staff, amidst the ongoing pandemic.

The Government of Manitoba received \$85.41 million to ensure the safety of students and staff members.

- to support adapted learning spaces and distance learning, including hiring IT professionals and providing technology like mobile Wi-Fi and laptops;
- to improve ventilation and purchase PPE and cleaning supplies
- to enhance special education and mental health supports

Rapid Tests

In addition, the Government of Canada has purchased over 40 million units of rapid tests, which have been distributed to provinces and territories.

Manitoba has received over 1.4 million rapid tests that can be used at point-of-care to provide rapid diagnostic or monitoring results, including antigen tests.

Across Canada, this funding has been used, among other things: