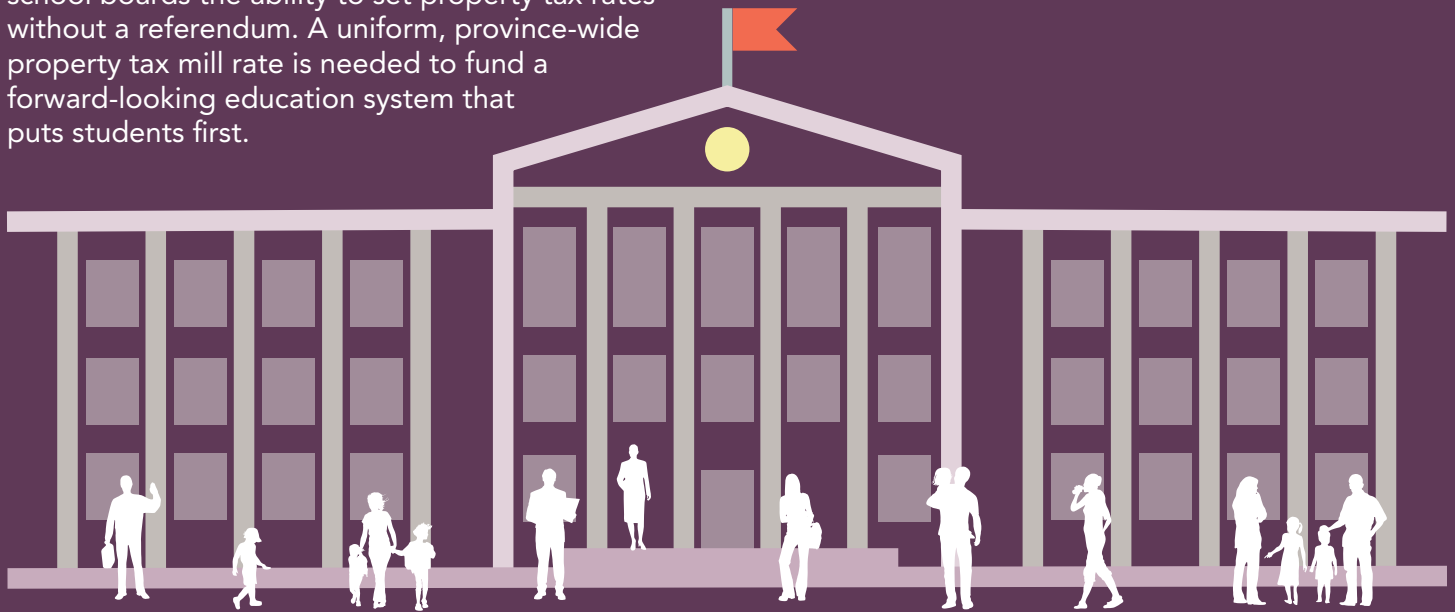


# BETTER EDUCATION THROUGH K-12 EDUCATION FINANCING REFORM



## Action Needed

Manitoba is the only province that permits local school boards the ability to set property tax rates without a referendum. A uniform, province-wide property tax mill rate is needed to fund a forward-looking education system that puts students first.



### Complex

With 37 different school divisions in the province, each able to set their own mill rate, neighbours across the street from one another in homes valued the same are paying vastly different education taxes.



### Unfair

The current system supports taxation without representation as a property owner can only vote for school trustees in the division where their principal residence is in.



### This Can Be Done

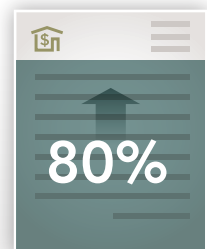
In 2009, Saskatchewan took away the ability for school boards to set the mill rate. Since then, they have established centralized standard mill rates across the province.



### Explore Amalgamation

To create a more efficient and effective education system, school division amalgamation must be explored.

Manitoba has approximately 300 school trustees while Ontario has around 700 for a population over 10x greater.



In some school divisions, the education portion can be as high as 80% of the property tax bill.