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(Q)How do we get teachers, parents and kids on board if it is not dictated/supported by the province?

(A) Manitoba Education Citizenship and Youth does support the actions that teachers and schools are taking to increase the emphasis on assessment *for* and *as* learning, and make assessment *of* learning less frequent but of higher quality and more supportive of student learning. Schools that have been implementing these ideas, while keeping students and parents informed about why things are changing have seen the changes become well accepted. Schools have used lots of methods to keep parents informed – newsletters, surveys, information nights. Changes in practices, such as involving students in parent-teacher conferences or changing the format of the report card have also created opportunities to explain to students and parents why things are changing.

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