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SCHOOL DIVISION LEGAL STATUS

The official name of the School Division is the **Portage la Prairie School Division**. The legal basis of education in the **Portage la Prairie School Division** is vested in the will of the people as expressed in the statutes of the Province of Manitoba, the statutes pertaining to education, the court interpretation of the validity of those laws, and the powers implied in them.

Following the January 14th, 1959 School Divisions Boundaries Commission proposal for the establishment of a school Division to be styled and known as **The Portage la Prairie School Division No. 24**" (See AA-E1), such a division was established by an ORDER OF THE MINISTER, dated April 1st, 1959, (See AA-E2). It was one of the thirty-seven Manitoba School Divisions initially formed in April of 1959, to have jurisdiction over secondary education, while the small school districts were to retain responsibility for elementary education. The consolidation process was completed on the 11th day of March, 1967, with an ORDER OF THE MINISTER declaring **The Portage la Prairie School Division No. 24** a school division within section 443 of *The Public Schools Act*, in effect giving the Division jurisdiction over elementary and secondary education (See AA-E3).

The 1993 *School Division and Districts Regulation* (M.R. 109/93) confirmed the status of the Division under Section 19 of Schedule 1, as the "Plan of the Portage la Prairie School Division as shown on the Director of Surveys Plan 20236, Director of Surveys Order dated November 20, 2002, on record in the office of the Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning and Youth in the City of Winnipeg."

On July 17th, 2002, the deletion of numbers from school division names received royal assent, and our Division became known as **The Portage la Prairie School Division**.