

New premier can protect public education, help avert a faculty strike
UMFA calls on new Premier to immediately stop interfering in bargaining

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Winnipeg- The University of Manitoba Faculty Association (UMFA) is calling on the next Premier of Manitoba to immediately walk away from the legacy of Brian Pallister and withdraw the mandate restricting wages during bargaining at the University of Manitoba. The continued interference is hurting students and threatening the future of public education in Manitoba. UMFA members will be outside the PC leadership convention calling on both Heather Stefanson and Shelly Glover to walk away from interference that risks further damage to public education.

“It is not too late to avert a strike, and the only ask we have for this new premier is to walk away and let UMFA and the University administration reach a fair deal at the bargaining table,” said Orvie Dingwall, UMFA President. “We need our next Premier to focus on running the government, not interfering with an independent university.”

UMFA has set a bargaining deadline of 11:59 pm on Sunday evening and continues to bargain with the University administration throughout the weekend. UMFA represents over 1,200 professors, instructors and librarians at the University of Manitoba.

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