



SCHOOL SUPPORT DECLARATION- INDIVIDUAL

All individuals who own property located in a municipality where both a public school district and a Roman Catholic separate school district exist are required to file a school support declaration. If this School Support Notice is not returned to the municipality, the individual owners' property would be assessable for **public school** purposes and the taxes on such property will be directed to the Alberta School Foundation Fund and redistributed on an equal amount per student to public and separate school boards in Alberta. If this property is jointly owned with a corporation, a separate declaration will have been mailed to the corporation.

Consistent with the **Constitution of Canada**, the Alberta **Education Act** provides:

1. That individuals who are Roman Catholic must direct their taxes in support of schools to the Roman Catholic separate school district.
2. That all other individuals must direct their taxes in support of schools to the public school district.
3. Where 2 or more individuals (where 1 or more is Roman Catholic) own property, they must direct their taxes in support of schools to the public school district and the Roman Catholic separate school district in proportion to their ownership. Joint owners are deemed to own the property in equal shares, e.g. two property owners, one Roman Catholic and the other one is not: 50% Public, 50% Separate; or three property owners all having equal shares, one Roman Catholic, and the other two are not: 66.7% Public, 33.3% Separate.

This declaration is for:

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Account/Tax Roll Number	Legal Description of Property

Address of Property	Postal Code

Name of Registered Owner (1)

Address of Registered Owner (1)

Name of Registered Owner (2)

Address of Registered Owner (2)

Name of Registered Owner (3)

Address of Registered Owner (3)

Therefore I declare that

Registered Owner (1) I am of Roman Catholic Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	% Ownership: _____
Signature: _____	Date : _____		
Registered Owner (2) I am of Roman Catholic Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	% Ownership: _____
Signature: _____	Date : _____		
Registered Owner (3) I am of Roman Catholic Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	% Ownership: _____
Signature: _____	Date : _____		

Total = 100%

Return by mail:
Assessment & Taxation
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo
3rd Floor, Jubilee Center, 9909 Franklin Avenue
Fort McMurray, AB T9H 2K4

Return by Fax:
780-743-7050
Return by email:
assessment.taxation@rmwb.ca
For Inquiries:
PULSE 780-743-7000 (Local) 1-800-973-9663 (Rural)

FACTS SHEET

- In the *Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo* or in a portion of the municipality, both a public and a Roman Catholic separate school district exist in the same area.
- When property is sold, the purchaser is required to file with the *Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo* this School Support Notice.
- In addition, property owners can at any time file a new School Support Notice or change an existing School Support Notice.
- A School Support Notice filed by a property owner is effective in the taxation year following the year in which the School Support Notice is filed.
- Individual property owners who are Roman Catholic must direct their property taxes to the Roman Catholic separate school district. A Roman Catholic is defined as an individual who recognizes the Pope as head of the Church (i.e. Roman Catholic, Greek Catholic, Ukrainian Catholic, etc.)
- Individual property owners who are not Roman Catholic must direct their taxes to the public school district.
- Only property owners, not tenants, are entitled to file this School Support Notice.
- If property is owned by a Roman Catholic and a non-Roman Catholic, the municipality will assign the taxes to the public and Roman Catholic separate school districts in accordance with the percentage of ownership indicated beside the name of each owner.
- To ensure that property taxes are directed correctly, it is important that all property owners are designated on the School Support Notice and that the percentage of ownership adds up to 100%.
- If there is insufficient space to list all the registered property owners and to make the necessary declarations on the front of this School Support Notice, please use an extra sheet to indicate the name, address, declaration, and percentage of ownership of the additional registered property owners.
- This School Support Notice applies to all property within the *Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo* owned by individuals whether or not the property owners reside in *Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo*.
- If this School Support Notice is not returned to the municipality, the individual owners' property would be assessable for public school purposes and the taxes on such property will be directed to the Alberta School Foundation Fund and redistributed on an equal amount per student to public and separate school boards in Alberta.
- Because the **Constitution Act** establishes Alberta's public and separate school systems based on religion (either Protestant or Roman Catholic) school boards and tax collecting authorities are allowed and **required** to ask for the declaration contained in this form.