

MEDIA ADVISORY

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STUDENTS TO RELEASE POLICY PAPER FOR LEADERSHIP CANDIDATES FOR PREMIER

Winnipeg—As the field narrows in Manitoba's leadership race, the Canadian Federation of Students is set to release a policy paper on post-secondary education issues on which it is urging candidates and the provincial government to take action.

Who: Canadian Federation of Students
What: Policy brief - release for leadership candidates for Premier
How: News release, www.cfsmb.ca
When: Tomorrow, Wednesday, September 30, at 10:30 am
Why: Urging Premier hopefuls to take up students' priorities for education

The policy brief from students will include recommendations to hopefuls for the Premiership Greg Selinger and Steve Ashton on a range of issues, from user fees for university and college students, through student aid, to funding for institutions.

“The recommendations we will be releasing tomorrow cover a broad range of issues that are key to Manitoba's success,” said Jonny Sopotiuik, Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students–Manitoba. “Students are urging both candidates for Premier to prioritise some very concrete measures for university and college education in their vision for Manitoba.”

Added Sopotiuik: “The recommendations of the Canadian Federation of Students go beyond the walls of universities and colleges: as part of this year's student-initiated Target Poverty Campaign for a Poverty-Free Manitoba, tomorrow's release also focuses on how education can help end poverty.”

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For a copy of the brief, further information or to arrange an interview, please visit the Canadian Federation of Students at www.cfsmb.ca or call (204) 783-0787:

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