

School Support Facts Sheet

- In the City of Medicine Hat, both a public and a Roman Catholic separate school district exist in the area.
- When property is sold, the purchaser is required to file with the City of Medicine Hat a 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 taxes to the Roman Catholic separate 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 district in accordance with the percentage of ownership indicated beside the name of each owner.
- In order 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 declaration on the form 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 this property owned by the declared owner within the City of Medicine Hat, whether or not the property owner resides in the City of Medicine Hat.
- Because the Constitution establishes Alberta's public and separate school systems on the basis of 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.

If a School Support Notice is not returned to the municipality, the individual owners' property would be assessable for public school purpose 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.

For more information, please see: Education Act, Statutes of Alberta, 2012, Chapter E-0.3 – Sections 147-152.