

## **Pallister is cutting funds for special needs kids.**

This is totally unjustifiable, and must be reversed.

The fact that existing children will be covered is no consolation. The PCs are kicking away the ladder for children who need extra assistance, and denying families the extra support they need. Creating a two-tier special needs system is shameful.

We should never think of children with special needs as “less than.” They are full human beings, deserving of love and support. They should be embraced and included in the community, and that means that the community needs to step up to make that happen.

That is exactly what these special needs programs do. Manitoba’s special needs programs are staffed by caring experts who help ensure that can help teach children with special needs skills and strategies that will make life easier and better for them in the long run.

As a matter of fundamental justice and fairness, I believe that governments should place the burden of costs on those who are most able to bear it, and lighten the load for those who are least able to.

This is not only fair and good government - it is ultimately better for the economy.

The Pallister government is literally doing the opposite.

On file after file after file, they are shifting the burden from the people who could most easily afford it onto people who can least bear it - people at the breaking point.

All of this is happening as Pallister and his cabinet have changed the law so they could give themselves a 20% pay increase, and are cutting taxes which will deliver the biggest cuts to people with the highest incomes. Everyone pays but Pallister and the PCs.

This is not “all hands on deck” - it is political and economic malpractice based on outdated ideas.

Making everyone better off makes everyone better off. Our New Way is about government that works for everyone.

- Dougald

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