

Dr. Ben Levin was named Deputy Minister of Education in October 2004. His prior career includes distinguished service in government and in academia.

Levin is a native of Winnipeg who holds a B.A. (Honours) from the University of Manitoba, an Ed.M from Harvard University and a Ph.D from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto.

His career in education started with his efforts, while in high school, to organize a city-wide high school students' union, and his election as a school trustee in Seven Oaks School Division in Winnipeg at the age of 19. Since then he has worked with private research organizations, school divisions, provincial governments, and national and international agencies, and he has built an academic and research career — all in connection with education.

He has written several books — most recently *Governing Education*, published in 2005 — and more than 100 articles in a wide range of academic, professional and popular publications.

Levin has held leadership positions in a wide variety of organizations in the public and non-profit sectors. From 1999 until September 2002, he was Deputy Minister of Advanced Education and Deputy Minister of Education, Training and Youth for Manitoba. He has also been a professor and dean at the University of Manitoba.

In 2003, he was the recipient of the Whitworth Award for achievement in educational research from the Canadian Education Association, and in 2004 he was awarded the Lieutenant-Governor's Medal for Public Administration in Manitoba.

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