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TO: All School Board Chairs and Superintendents

FROM: Heather Demetriooff, Director
Education and Communication Services

RE: Raffle Donations for 2018 Convention



Since 2000, the Manitoba School Boards Association has held a raffle in conjunction with its annual convention, with proceeds going to a local children's charity. This year, the Convention Planning Committee has again selected First Steps, a Winnipeg Harvest program dedicated to ending child hunger in Manitoba, as the recipient of raffle funds. You can learn more about First Steps by visiting their website at <http://winnipeg Harvest.org/donate/first-steps/>.

The success of this raffle is due entirely to the generosity of member school boards, students and staff, who have become more and more creative in terms of their donations. In the process, they have showcased the talents of hundreds of Manitoba students. Donations received in the past have included:

- items created by students (artwork, metal work, or almost anything made out of wood);
- divisional Pride Wear; and
- items representing local areas (e.g. a picture of a local scene or a locally-produced quilt).

If you would like to donate a raffle prize, please advise our Convention Coordinator, Riel Dion, by February 23, 2018. He may be reached at (204) 257-5205, or via e-mail at ree@plannersplus.ca. Donations may be delivered in advance to the association office, or delivered on-site during the convention. It would be appreciated if larger items, such as lawn chairs, tables, etc., could be delivered directly to the Delta Winnipeg. Please ensure that items delivered to the hotel are clearly marked "MSBA Convention." ***To facilitate proper recognition of your generosity, please ensure that all donations include a tag with a description of the item, the school and division making the donation, the student's name (where applicable), and your divisional logo.***

One final note. Because of our revised format this year and the switch to a two-day convention from two-and-a-half days, we will no longer be drawing for all prizes at the event's conclusion. Instead, draws will take place at various points throughout the two days. As a result of this change, we would appreciate receiving all donations either in advance of the convention (delivered to the association office), or on-site as early as possible (i.e. Thursday morning).

Thank you for considering this request. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact either me or Riel Dion.

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