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CONGRESS COUNTDOWN

With just over two months until the National Trustee Gathering on Aboriginal Education and CSBA Congress 2016 touch down in Manitoba, we are putting the final pieces in place. All of our exciting keynote speakers and presentations have been confirmed, and full descriptions of most (but not quite all) concurrent workshops have been posted under the workshop tab on the Congress website. On-line registration is open, with early-bird rates in effect until May 31, 2016. And remember to make some time to check out all that Winnipeg and the surrounding area has to offer. Our "things to do" page is a great place to get you started in mapping out your perfect summer get-away.

Reflections of our future

Courageous Leadership
CSBA Congress 2016 Winnipeg, Manitoba July 7 - 9, 2016

MERN SPRING FORUM

MERN Manitoba Education Research Network

The Manitoba Education Research Network (MERN) Spring Forum will focus on inquiry in teaching and learning. The all-day event will be held on Friday, May 6, in the Education Building at the University of Manitoba. Presenters will include representatives from both post-secondary institutions and Manitoba school divisions. In many instances, sessions are being presented collaboratively by educators from both sectors. While there is no fee to attend this forum, pre-registration is required.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

TADD

. . . that TADD Manitoba has declared May 19, 2016 Distraction Free at School Day? On that day, participants are being encouraged to turn off their phones between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Local TADD groups and student councils have arranged awareness festivities. TADD Manitoba is supporting participating schools with supplies, posters and prizes, and will be awarding gift cards randomly to participating students.

E2G, ONE YEAR IN

E²G

It's been almost a year since we launched E²G: A Standards Framework for Effective and Efficient School Governance. The framework, which grew out of a core priority adopted by the provincial executive in 2015, started with the development of a simple overview. That overview listed nine areas deemed critical if school boards were to fulfill their roles as school system governors both effectively and efficiently.

Since the launch of E²G, we have developed many resources to assist boards in assessing their own performance against this framework and, where necessary, adjusting their practices. Most of the nine areas have been addressed in a webinar, and all will have been covered before the new school year. These webinars have all been archived for anytime-viewing. Several aspects of E²G have been addressed in Division Dispatches, short videos that are available on YouTube. Board Development Consultant Janis Arnold is also available to work with boards individually, to help guide them on their own governance journey. To learn more about E²G, or to schedule a local board session, contact Janis at the association office.

KEEP US IN THE KNOW

Has there been a change in school board membership, senior administration, or contact coordinates since your school division completed our membership form last fall? Please, let us know! We depend on your help to keep our databases up to date, and to make sure that publications such as our trustee datebook are as accurate as possible. When a change occurs (or is about to occur), please provide the particulars to Jennifer Esau at the association office. Thank you!

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Have you recently joined Twitter, or started to use it again after a break? If your timeline includes information about education, school board governance, or local school happenings, let us know so we can follow you and add you to our list of Manitoba school trustees or administrators. Not on Twitter? You can find our latest tweets on our website.

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