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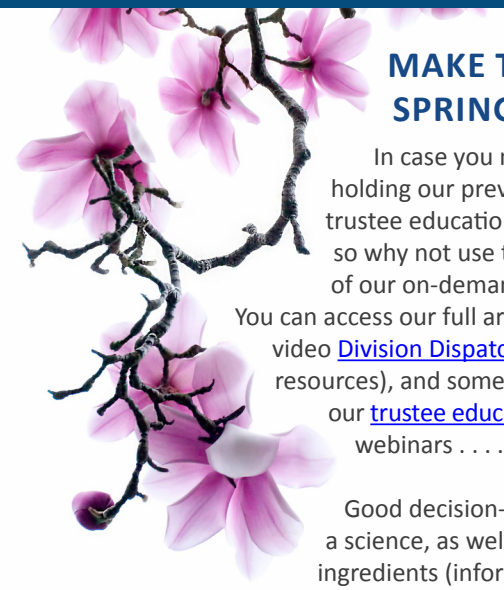

MAKE TIME FOR A SPRING (PD) FLING!

In case you missed it, we won't be holding our previously-announced April trustee education event in Brandon this year, so why not use the time to check out some of our on-demand learning opportunities? You can access our full archive of past webinars, our video Division Dispatches (many with related resources), and some recommended viewing from our trustee education page. And speaking of webinars . . . .

Good decision-making is something of a science, as well as an art—add the right ingredients (information and data) and follow good processes, and you should end up with a sound decision. But data-informed decisions don't just happen; they require preparation and communication. Join Board Development Consultant Janis Arnold at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, April 19, for a 30-minute webinar that will take a deeper look at the science of decision-making. You will come away with practical knowledge that can be applied next time your board is facing a complex decision. To register, contact Janis Arnold, Board Governance Consultant, at the association office to receive the webinar-specific link. The registration deadline is 10:00 am Wednesday, April 19. As always, there is no fee to participate in this webinar, but pre-registration is required.

CONVENTION, IN UNDER 6 MINUTES

You'll find images from all aspects of our recent convention—keynotes, panels, workshops, business sessions, entertainment and more—in the short video that we've posted to our website. And if you're looking for information about any of the award winners you met during our Celebration of Success, we've also posted overviews of their achievements on our Awards page. The full record of proceedings, which includes the disposition of all resolutions, will be posted in the upcoming weeks. Our Manual of Policy and Beliefs will also be updated to reflect changes resulting from the resolutions process.

The Effectiveness Equation:
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CANADA 150

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To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Canada's Confederation, the Manitoba Education Library is offering a collection of resources, organized by time period. Manitoba educators are welcome to explore these resources and use them with students to enhance the celebration. In addition, educators can access CBC Curio, which includes a variety of educational streaming programs and collections created especially for the Canada 150 celebration. Topics include contemporary Indigenous voices, key events, immigration and icons. Visit the library's website and select the Canada 150 link to start exploring.

EYES ON THE ROAD

TADD MANITOBA

In recognition of the growing number of Canadian students showing a passion to lead and inspire positive change in their community, TADD Manitoba is sponsoring two Students Leading Change Scholarships. Students applying before May 26, 2017 will have a chance to win one of two $500 scholarships, to be used to support post-secondary education. And while we're on the topic of TADD, did you know that May 4 is the second annual Distraction Free Day? Download the poster from the TADD website, and tell TADD Manitoba how your schools will be observing Distraction Free Day.

FOCUS ON ADVOCACY

If you haven't checked out our advocacy page in a while, please drop on by! This is where we post correspondence and briefs we submit to federal and provincial officials, along with any responses we receive. Recent additions include a letter to Manitoba Minister of Justice Heather Stefanson on the decriminalization of cannabis, and our joint request (with education partners) to have the Patriotic Observances Regulation amended to include territorial and treaty recognition at the start of each school day. Our advocacy page is also where we post our submissions on federal and provincial budgets, follow-up on requests for action we receive from school boards, and our annual post-convention submission to the Minister of Education on convention resolutions.

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