

ELECTION COUNTDOWN

In two weeks, Manitobans will know the results of the April 19 provincial election, which means it's time to decide how you'll be casting *your* vote. If your determining factor is party platforms as they relate to kids and education, we have some resources that should help. To help you initiate a dialogue with candidates about kids and education, we've compiled the [questions](#) that were asked at our March 18 debate, along with alternate questions that were submitted by school boards. You can also find the actual [debate video](#) online. [Manitoba Election 2016—A Citizen Created Election Resource](#), has posted links to several election debates and forums (including ours), on topics such as child care, poverty, and disability. And for links to party platforms and the latest election news, don't forget to visit our [election page](#).



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Online registration for the Canadian School Boards Association National Trustee Gathering on Aboriginal Education and Congress 2016 is now open! To register, follow the link under the [registration](#) tab on the [Congress 2016 website](#). Early-bird rates for both events are in effect until May 31, 2016. All keynote and plenary sessions have now been finalized; you'll find those details under [speakers](#). Workshop information will be posted throughout the month of April, but you can register now, as pre-selection of concurrent sessions is not required for these events.



LOOKING FOR A FEW (OR MANY) VOLUNTEERS



With the start of the National Trustee Gathering and Congress just three months away, we are compiling a list of Manitoba trustees who would be willing to help out in a variety of capacities. Exact responsibilities will be determined closer to the event (or even on-site) but may include registration support, escorting walking groups to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights on Thursday evening, or hosting a concurrent session (which means introducing and thanking a speaker). To volunteer, please email [Heather Demetrio](#), indicating available dates (July 6 to 9 inclusive) and your preferences (if any) in terms of a volunteer role. If you have already volunteered, we have your name on file, but please contact us with the additional information requested about availability and preferences.

CONVENTION, ONE MORE TIME

On March 17, Dr. Randy Fransoo from the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy got our convention off to a thought-provoking and informative start with his presentation on [Social Equity in Manitoba: The View from 30,000 Feet](#). Many delegates requested a copy of Dr. Fransoo's presentation, which he has graciously provided. You'll find it on our [convention page](#), along with the [Record of Proceedings](#), a [photo gallery](#) of convention highlights, and many more convention-related items.



TALKING ABOUT MONEY



April 20 is "Talk with Our Kids about Money Day," and the Canadian Foundation for Economic Education (CFEE) is supporting teachers in their efforts to integrate financial education into school curricula. Participating schools can offer fun, engaging and life-relevant lessons on money in some or all middle school subject areas. Educators can review, download and print the resources for free once they register for the school program at [www.talkwithourkidsaboutmoney.com](#). All lesson plans are non-commercial and are available in both French and English.