

CONVENTION UPDATE

We are pleased to confirm that the opening keynote speaker for our March convention will be [Jamie Vollmer](#). Jamie is an award-winning advocate of public education who has worked for the past 29 years to help schools and communities come together to remove obstacles to student learning. His Thursday morning [address](#) will focus on “the great conversation,” and examine how school boards can exercise their power to build support for Manitoba’s schools one community at a time. Following his keynote presentation, Jamie will be delivering one in an exciting roster of workshops; full details on all concurrent sessions will be posted to our website and distributed first thing in the New Year.



Jamie Vollmer

- The [Middle Years Education in Manitoba: Grades 5 to 8 Students at the Centre](#) brochure has been posted. This brochure provides information about the developmental issues of young adolescents and the characteristics of Middle Years teachers and learning environments.
- The [Early Childhood Education](#) (ECE) website has been updated to include information about how culturally responsive early childhood education supports newcomer children and their families.

CANADA THROUGH THE LENS OF RECONCILIATION



The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) at the University of Manitoba is once again inviting youth across the country to Imagine a Canada through the lens of reconciliation. Now entering its third year, Imagine a Canada is a national arts and leadership program that invites young people, kindergarten to post-secondary, to share their thoughts on what the future of Canada will look like through the lens of reconciliation. One entrant from each province and territory will be selected to attend a national celebration of Imagine a Canada and take part in a leadership workshop to become Reconciliation Ambassadors in their own community. The [Imagine a Canada](#) website has background information and tools to get involved. The submission deadline is March 1, 2018.



And don't forget—Phase 1 of guest room bookings at The Delta Hotel closes on December 15! During this initial phase, each division is able to book up to six guaranteed rooms by completing and returning the [required form](#) to The Delta. From December 19 to January 26, any remaining rooms in our block will be available for booking online. A room-booking link will be distributed to all secretary-treasurers before that date. As of January 27, all remaining rooms in our block will be released to the general public, and our preferred rate will no longer be available.

COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITY

We are currently looking for a volunteer to fill an immediate opening on the provincial Interorganizational Curriculum Advisory Committee. To volunteer, complete and submit the [committee volunteer form](#), or email Executive Assistant [Andrea Kehler](#). To learn more about the curriculum development and implementation process in Manitoba, visit the department's [website](#).

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Curriculum Development and Implementation recently posted several updates that may be of interest to trustees and administrators.

- The [French Language Education Review 2015-2016, Provincial Report: Profile of Initiatives, French \(English Program\)](#) has been posted. This report presents the data collected from the 2015-2016 School Division Questionnaire with responses from 27 of 36 school divisions offering French courses (English Program) in Manitoba.

LATEST CENSUS RELEASE

Statistics Canada [most recent release](#) of data from the 2016 census focused on the changing face of education in Canada. Among the findings:



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- Canada has the highest proportion of college and university graduates in the OECD.
- First Nations people, Métis and Inuit all made gains in postsecondary education at every level. In 2016, 10.9% of Aboriginal people overall aged 25 to 64 had a bachelor's degree or higher, up from 7.7% in 2006. The proportion of Aboriginal people with a college diploma rose from 18.7% to 23.0%.
- In 2016, gains in education were also evident among refugees, with close to one-third (31.5%) of refugees who became permanent residents in Canada having upgraded their educational credentials after arriving in the country.

This is the last issue of the e-bulletin until the New Year. See you in 2018!

HAPPY NEW YEAR