

NOMINATIONS REMINDER

All awards will be presented virtually at the association's March convention. The final date for receipt of nominations for all awards is coming up early in 2021, with the deadline of **Wednesday, January 20**. The awards package can be found on our [website](#).

The association sponsors three specific programs:

- Long service trustee recognition honours trustees who have served for 12, 16, or 20 years on a public school board in Manitoba.
- The Presidents' Council Award recognizes exemplary service and outstanding achievement, innovative thinking, personal initiative, and lasting and pervasive impact in the field of public education. In 2021, nominations for this award will be accepted in the category of professional educators.
- The Manitoba School Boards Association Student Citizenship Awards recognize six outstanding young people and one student group who are active participants in their communities and schools.



Long Service and the Presidents' Council Award nominations can be emailed to akehler@mbschoolboards.ca and nominations for Student Citizenship Awards can be emailed to jesau@mbschoolboards.ca no later than **January 20, 2021**.

2021 PRIME MINISTER'S AWARDS

Day in and day out, Canadian educators empower young people to shape our future.

Canada's educators are showing unparalleled resilience and commitment to students in the face of COVID-19. If you know an educator who has gone above and beyond, nominate them for a Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence, Teaching Excellence in STEM, or Excellence in Early Childhood Education.

Download your [nomination package and a poster](#) today and submit your nomination electronically or by mail by **January 12, 2021**.

FOND FAREWELLS & WARM WELCOMES, OR "HEY, THEY LOOK FAMILIAR"

After 35 and 25 years of dedicated service to school boards respectively, Heather Demetriooff, Director of Education and Communication Services and George Coupland, Director of Labour Relations & HR Services have retired! The association recognizes, with deep gratitude, the leadership, commitment and insights shared by Heather and George over the years. We wish them both all the best in their retirements and future endeavours.



The association is also pleased to announce that two familiar names have been appointed to fill these positions as we move forward. Janis Arnold has taken on the additional role as Interim Director of Education and Communication Services alongside her current position as Board Development Consultant, and Morgan Whiteway is the Acting Director of Labour Relations & HR Services. Congratulations to them both!

VIMY PILGRIMAGE AWARD

The Vimy Foundation created the [Vimy Pilgrimage Award](#) to recognize the actions of young people who are dedicated to the betterment of society by demonstrating an outstanding commitment to volunteer work through positive contributions, notable deeds, or bravery that benefits their peers, school, community, province, or country.



The Vimy Pilgrimage Award consists of a fully funded week-long educational program in Belgium and France to study Canada's tremendous First World War contribution. A total of 20 students will be selected for the 2021 program. [Apply for the 2021 program](#) from **January 4th to February 15th, 2021!**



This is the last issue of the e-bulletin until the New Year!
See you in 2021!

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