

## WEBINARS GO MOBILE



If you want to take part in one of our webinars but won't have access to a computer at the given time, don't despair! [Adobe Connect Mobile](#) is a free app for Apple or Android devices that will allow you to take the webinar with you, wherever you go. Why not try it out? Our next 45-minute [webinar](#) will examine the symptoms and causes of impaired decision-making, and offer some practical processes for helping boards get out of the rut of impaired decision-making. It's being offered twice tomorrow (February 27), at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. To register for this or any other webinar, email Board Development Consultant [Janis Arnold](#).

## DON'T FORGET ABOUT BOARD BALLOTS!

Just a reminder that all school boards need to complete and submit their authorization to receive board ballots form prior to the start of convention. This form tells registration desk staff which board members are eligible to pick up those ballots on behalf of each board. Board ballots are used for the election of president, and for voting on any by-law-related resolutions. To submit your authorization form, or if you have any questions, please contact Administrative Assistant [Jennifer Esau](#).



## AND SPEAKING OF BALLOTS . . .

Why not do some homework before convention, and learn about the candidates you'll be voting for? The [Report of the 2014 Nominating Committee, Candidate Profiles and Rules of Procedure](#) has now been posted to our website. This document will also be included in convention delegate kits. The final call for nominations for all positions will be made at the call to order on the morning of Friday, March 14, 2014.



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## LEARNING FROM OTHERS

One of the highlights of our annual convention is the innovation showcase, where delegates and the public can learn about those projects nominated for the Premier Award for School Board Innovation. The Showcase provides a wonderful opportunity to learn about educational innovations and improvements that support or enhance student achievement. A similar opportunity is provided by the Canadian



Education Association (CEA) when it shares summaries and contact information from the top 15 [Ken Spencer Award finalists](#). CEA categorizes this year's finalists as an "ambitious group of Canadian educators [who] are changing the culture of school by working tirelessly to provide their students with the space to follow their passions and contribute to the development of their own learning pathways." The winning programs "leverage teacher expertise beyond their subject areas to provide inquiry based real-world learning that takes the classroom outside school walls." Many of these programs focus on motivating students at risk of not completing school, while others blend indigenous teachings with 21st century learning. Check them out!

## INFORMING AND ADVOCATING

Two major initiatives from south of the border may be of interest to Canadian school boards. The first of these is [Go Public: A Documentary Film Project](#). Go Public documents a day in the life of an American school district through the work of 50 filmmakers focussing on 50 subjects in 28 schools, all in a single day. Each of the 50 shorts that comprise the larger Go Public documentary has also been cut into a stand-alone video, with each unique story taking a closer look at the subjects and their roles in public education.



While Go Public seeks to build understanding about the realities of public education, [Stand Up 4 Public Schools](#) is an advocacy campaign of the National School Boards Association intended to counter the impact of well-funded and well-organized critics who are seen to be undermining public schools and working to eliminate school board governance. The campaign stresses the role of public education as the great equalizer that empowers children to fulfill their potential, regardless of race, gender or circumstances.

