

## ARE YOU READY?

The countdown to the convention is on! While there is no cost this year, registration is still required through your secretary-treasurer. Important instructions regarding the resolutions process and how trustee elections will be conducted virtually were distributed to member boards last week. Please check with your secretary-treasurer or board chair for further details. We urge delegates to review beforehand the [Zoom How-To's Guide](#) as this will ensure an informative, interactive, and engaging on-line experience. Finally, keep your eye on the convention page as the final program, resolutions, candidate profiles and more will be posted [here](#) in the coming weeks. Delegate (digital) kits will be distributed in early March.



## COVID-19 DASHBOARD: K- 12 SCHOOLS IN MANITOBA

The Manitoba Government has created a new [interactive dashboard](#) that provides Manitobans with current information about COVID-19 cases among students and staff in Manitoba schools, including cases within the last 14 days and the total number of cases since September 1, 2020. A [map of schools](#) in Manitoba provides details on the number of recent cases among students and staff at particular schools.



Data is published on Tuesday and Thursday of each week, and is provided by Manitoba public health officials.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February marks Black History Month, a time where parents and educators should celebrate the many contributions made by Black people and honour Black Canadian history.

The Reading Council of Greater Winnipeg has compiled some great [resources](#) which includes reading lists, activities and an exciting virtual field trip presented by the [Manitoba Museum](#). This live, interactive field trip will look at Black History in Canada on February 20, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. [Register online](#).



## TADD MANITOBA VIRTUAL EVENTS

Manitoba Public Insurance is hosting virtual TADD (Teens Against Destructive Driving) presentations this winter and you are invited to participate! The pre-scheduled virtual impaired and distracted driving presentations will take place from 12–12:45 p.m., twice each week, throughout February and March. Contact MSBA Risk Manager, [Darren Thomas](#) for more information.

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## LET'S TALK ABOUT WATER FILM COMPETITION AND FESTIVAL

Calling all youth filmmakers to submit a two-minute film about this year's theme: valuing water. Your film could win \$5,000 for video equipment for your school. Competition is open to students in grades 5–12. Youth must submit their expression of interest by March 15, and the final film deadline is April 30.

The Let's Talk About Water–Youth Film program provides a formula to improve communications around water issues by using film as a bridge between scientists, students and community. The overarching goal is to engage teachers and students to encourage youth creativity, awareness of water issues, and help in bringing student views and voices to the forefront using films.

Visit the Let's Talk About Water [website](#) for more information.

## STONE SOUP RAFFLE

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba's annual Stone Soup fundraiser is switching gears this year but their goal remains the same – raising funds for Manitoba school meal and snack programs! You're invited to help fill the pot and come together to support Manitoba schools and students by participating in our [Stone Soup 2021 Raffle](#).



The final draw is March 26 and information on how to purchase tickets is available [online](#).

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