

## GOT BOARD BALLOTS?

Actually, board ballots will be distributed at convention, but you will be needing them this year. These weighted votes are used for the election of the president and for votes on by-law amendments. There are currently two [nominees](#) for president, which means there will be an election, and two proposed by-law amendments. In order to distribute board ballots at the convention, we need to have on file a completed authorization form from each school board. The form was distributed to all secretary-treasurers, via email, on February 6. We encourage you to return it to the association office as soon as possible. We also strongly recommend that each board authorize a minimum of two trustees to receive these ballots, just to avoid any problems should one trustee be unexpectedly delayed or absent.



## ACTION REQUEST

Pop quiz time! What's the difference between a resolution and a request for action? For this association, a resolution is something debated on the convention floor in March. There are specific timelines for the submission of regular resolutions, and specific requirements for a resolution to be deemed emergent or extraordinary. Once adopted, a resolution becomes association [policy](#). A call for action, on the other hand, can be submitted to the provincial executive at any time. A call for action doesn't propose a change in or addition to existing policy, but asks the executive to do something that conforms to that policy. So, the next time your board identifies some way public schools could support student well-being, or sees an impediment to boards effectively managing resources, why not let us know through a request for action?



## NEW FROM MET

The education department's February 5 [K-12 website update](#) includes links to several documents that will be of particular interest to trustees and boards. On the financial and statistical side, these include the [Funding of Schools 2017/2018 School Year](#) document and the [Education and Advanced Learning](#)

[Annual Report 2015-2016](#). On the curriculum development and implementation side, documents related to the [Manitoba Technical-Vocational Curriculum Framework of Outcomes](#) are now available. You can also link to details about Winnipeg Police Service [on-line ePIC Criminal Records Checks/Vulnerable Sector Screenings](#), which will now be accepted by Professional Certification. To keep on top of the latest departmental happenings, why not [subscribe](#) to the bi-weekly K-12 website updates email?

## COUNTING CANADIANS

Last week, Statistics Canada released the first information related to the [2016 census](#). Through links and interactive tools, users can find information such as [census profiles](#) for local communities and [population and dwelling count highlights](#). Other 2016 census results, many of which will provide useful information for school division planning, will become available as follows:

- age, sex and type of dwelling (May 3)
- families, households, marital status and language (August 2)
- income (September 13)
- immigration, ethnocultural diversity, housing and Aboriginal peoples (October 25)
- education, labour, journey to work, language of work, mobility and migration (November 29)



## THE MORE THE MERRIER!

Did you know that our annual [Celebration of Success](#) is open to the public? The event starts at 7:00 p.m. when we open the doors on the Innovation Showcase, where you can learn about the exciting projects vying for the 2017 Premier Award for School Board Innovation. The formal program begins at 8:00 p.m., and includes the presentation of student citizenship and Presidents' Council awards, as well as the Premier Award for School Board Innovation. The event concludes with a reception where you can meet and congratulate the various award recipients. So, why not bring some friends or family to the Delta Hotel on the evening of March 16, to learn more about some of the amazing programs and people in our public schools!

