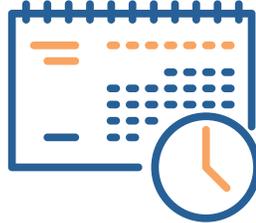


AWARDS DEADLINE EXTENDED

In recognition of current restrictions mandated to keep school staff and students safe, the final date for receipt of nominations for all awards has been extended to **Friday, February 5**. 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 Andrea Kehler (akehler@mbschoolboards.ca) and nominations for Student Citizenship Awards can be emailed to Jennifer Esau (jesau@mbschoolboards.ca) no later than **Friday, February 5, 2021**.

NEW MINISTER OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCED

On behalf of all school boards in Manitoba, we would like to welcome the Honourable Cliff Cullen to his role as Minister of Education for the Province of Manitoba. Education is a shared responsibility of the Manitoba Government and also of our local communities.



We look forward to working with our new Minister to address the many opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. Our sincere thanks to outgoing Minister Kelvin Goertzen for his service to the portfolio with our wishes for the very best as he fulfills his new responsibilities as Deputy Premier. We also welcome all new and remaining Ministers to their posts [announced](#) in the January 5th cabinet shuffle.

2021 NATIONAL CONGRESS ON RURAL EDUCATION IN CANADA

The central theme of the Congress is *Rural Education Beyond Borders: Reframing the Conversation*. The virtual Congress being held **March 28-29**, will highlight global perspectives on rural and remote education and research, and engender exciting discussions between educators, school and system leaders, parents, community members, and researchers. For information on speakers, sessions and registration details please visit the [Congress website](#).



UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION

Education is a human right, a public good and a public responsibility. The third International Day of Education (January 24) will be marked on **Monday, January 25** under the theme *Recover and Revitalize Education for the COVID-19 Generation*.

The global event for the Day will be planned along three main segments: learning heroes; innovations, and financing. To learn more visit the [UNESCO website](#).



SAVE THE DATE!

The Canadian School Boards Association is pleased to announce that the 2021 Annual National Gathering on Indigenous Education & CSBA Congress will be held virtually on **July 7-9, 2021**. Visit the [CSBA website](#) for updates and details.



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