

## CONVENTION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

The full program and registration forms for our 2018 convention, [Leadership, Service and Advocacy](#), were distributed in today's divisional email. The program is also available online, but registrations must be handled through school division offices. And with convention a little more than two months away, here are a few reminders.

- The deadline for submission of all nominations for our [recognition and awards programs](#) (student citizenship awards, long service trustee, school board innovation, and Presidents' Council) is January 26.
- The deadline for cancelling any rooms booked within our block at the Delta Hotel, without incurring a one-night penalty, is January 26.
- [Nominations](#) for provincial executive office will be accepted up until the final call for nominations on Thursday, March 15, but they may be submitted at any time.
- [Donations](#) for our raffle in support of [First Steps](#) may be delivered either to the association office in advance of the convention, or brought to the on-site registration desk during the event, but if delivered on-site, we would ask that they be dropped off as early as possible on Thursday.



## NEW YEAR, RENEWED ADVOCACY

Not even two weeks into the New Year, and 2018 is already shaping up to be a busy year on the advocacy front! On January 8, we were pleased to welcome Minister of Education and Training Ian Wishart to our provincial executive meeting, to discuss the association's [2017 convention resolutions](#) and the pending school trustee elections, among other topics. And on January 9, we co-sponsored a Manitoba Chambers of Commerce event that featured a dialogue with Honourable Navdeep Bains, Federal Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development. This luncheon provided us with an opportunity to promote the coming fall election campaign, while also shining a spotlight on the continuing importance of Parliamentary protection of the [fair dealing provisions](#) of the *Copyright Act*. These provisions save school boards in Manitoba millions of dollars each year through the limited use of published materials to support student learning. To keep up-to-date on the association's [advocacy efforts](#), visit our website.



## MERN WINTER FORUM

[MERN's](#) Winter Forum, with a focus on Partners in Learning, is happening on January 26, 2018.



Participants can [register](#) online to attend in person at any of the sites: Frontier School Division Board Office (Winnipeg), Frontier Area 1 Office (Thompson), Frontier Area Office (Cranberry Portage), or Frontier Area 5 Office (Norway House). Sessions on a variety of topics will be delivered by Frontier S.D., the School District of Mystery Lake, St. James-Assiniboia S.D., the Universities of Winnipeg and Manitoba, MAPC, and the Manitoba First Nations School System.

## EQUAL VOICE CAMPAIGN BOOT CAMP

As we always do in a municipal election year, the association will be holding information sessions for potential school trustee candidates. Dates and locations of these sessions are still being determined, but in the meantime, the Manitoba chapter of [Equal Voice](#) is offering a session that may be of interest. The Equal Voice "campaign boot camp" will be focused specifically on municipal elections (city councilor and school trustee), which are being held in Manitoba on October 24, 2018. [Pre-registration](#) is required for this session, and space is limited. The session is open to anyone wanting to see more women elected to office, at any level of government. It will be of interest not only to potential candidates, but also to anyone thinking of managing a campaign, or simply wanting to become more knowledgeable about the political process. Participants will walk away with a better understanding of campaigns and the political process, and with the knowledge they'll need to get started as candidates or campaign organizers. This non-partisan session is being held at the Manitoba Legislative Building in Winnipeg on January 27.



## REMEMBERING YESTERDAY FOR BETTER TOMORROWS



The Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies will be hosting the [3rd Annual National Policy Conference on Holocaust Education](#), January 27 and 28 in Toronto. This two-day conference, which looks at the future of Holocaust education, will feature renowned Holocaust educators and human rights experts. For registration and accommodation details, visit the conference website.