

EDUCATION IN THE DIGITAL AGE

The January 27 MERN Winter Forum will focus on [education in the digital age](#).



The event, which is sponsored by the Manitoba School Boards Association and Frontier School Division, will be streamed live from three locations: Winnipeg, Thompson, and Cranberry Portage. The program will include an opening keynote address from Seine River S.D. superintendent Mike Borgfjord, a closing address by Dawn Sutherland from the University of Winnipeg, and four concurrent workshop timeslots offering participants a total of eight programming options. [On-line registration](#) for this event is now open, and as always, there is no charge to participate in this MERN Winter Forum.

REGIONAL TELECONFERENCES

The agenda and dial-in information for upcoming January regional teleconferences was distributed to all school board offices earlier this week. Meeting dates and times are as follows.

- Region 1: Tuesday, January 24, 5:00 p.m.
- Region 2: Wednesday, January 25, 7:00 p.m.
- Region 3: Thursday, January 26, 5:00 p.m.
- Region 4: Wednesday, January 25, 5:00 p.m.
- Region 5/6: Thursday, January 26, 7:00 p.m.

The main items of business for these meetings will be an association update by President Ken Cameron, discussion of submitted regional resolutions, an overview of proposed executive by-law amendments and consolidated policies, and the second call for nominations for executive positions. Participants will be able to dial in from home or any other convenient location, although it may be beneficial if boards join the conversation as a group.



AWARD PROGRAM DEADLINES

Just a reminder, January 27 is the deadline for receipt of nominations for all association awards and recognition programs. Information on the various programs—long service recognition, student citizenship, school board innovation, and Presidents' Council—can be found in the [package](#) that was distributed in the October 26 divisional email. Links to form-fillable nomination forms for each of these programs are also available on the [convention page](#) of our website.



SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW

Speaking of our website, have you paid us a visit lately? We have just added a new section to our trustee education page, with links to some valuable [video resources](#) that school boards may find useful in helping them fulfill their mandates. Topics include shifting educational paradigms, identifying good data, and effective family and community engagement. These new resources augment others you'll find in the [trustee education](#) section of our website.

And while the material is not brand new, it's worth a reminder that our [risk management](#) page has a wide range of materials relating to school and student safety. These include two documents specific to concussions: a colourful [poster](#) produced collaboratively by the Sport Medicine and Science Council of Manitoba, the Manitoba Physical Education Teachers Association Inc., and this association, and a [fact sheet on concussion management](#). The fact sheet is posted in an easily printed card format; a limited number of the posters are available by contacting [Cindy Sienkiewicz](#) in the risk management department.

