

ELECTION UPDATE

We've added some new information to our dedicated school trustee [election page](#) that should be of interest to divisions wanting to promote the October elections, individuals thinking about running, or anyone who just wants to find out a little more about what school boards do. Thanks to a number of trustees who volunteered their time and thoughts over the past year, we have produced three short videos featuring current school trustees who talk about their [backgrounds](#) and the [time commitment](#) of school board service, and offer some [insights](#) into the role of school boards.

Earlier this month, we held three candidate information sessions, two in-person and one via webinar. The webinar was recorded, and is now available for viewing at your leisure. The link to this webinar will be posted to our website in July, but for now you can obtain it by emailing Board Development Consultant [Janis Arnold](#).

Learning **Trustee** Candidate Vote!
Run! Education Challenge **22.10.2014**
School Boards Kids **Elections**

SUMMER LEARNING

Summer learning loss doesn't just affect kids. Why not use some down-time this summer to brush up on your own skills? While our in-person education offerings are on summer hiatus, our e-learning opportunities remain available 24/7. Live webinars will return in the fall, but our [webinar library](#) currently contains seven titles on topics ranging from conflict of interest and code of conduct to overcoming decision-impairment to asking the right question. Too busy to spend the 45 minutes required to view a complete webinar? We currently have seven video [Division Dispatches](#) available (with more coming this summer), all of these running less than 10 minutes. So, whether your interest is in some technicality of meeting procedure, or big-picture strategic planning and goal setting, we have something for you. Check it out!



SUMMER READING

In the fall of 2013, the Waterloo Global Science Initiative brought together education leaders, teaching professionals, researchers, policymakers and young people from six continents and diverse socioeconomic backgrounds to develop practical and implementable ideas for improving high school education. The outcomes of this summit, which are contained in [Equinox Blueprint: Learning 2030](#), touch on all aspects of schooling, from curriculum and assessment, to pedagogy and teachers, to learning environments and funding.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to two Manitoba recipients of Shifting Minds National Awards from [C21 Canada](#) for



distinctive achievement in the field of 21st Century learning and innovation. The Red River Valley School Division was recognized in the System Award category for its leadership and accomplishments in advancing the use of technology for learning and teaching through its "One to the World" initiative. Sisler High School was recognized in the School Team Award category for multiple achievements, but most specifically, for its role as a true innovator in education technology. To all those involved—well done!

SCHOOL VANDALISM WATCH

Our school vandalism prevention program is back again this summer. Residents living near schools in Winnipeg are encouraged to keep an eye open for suspicious activity, including graffiti, arson, on-site use of drugs or alcohol, and signs of break and enter. They are asked to report any such incidents to a dedicated tip-line at 204-231-4556. Fridge magnets with this phone number are being distributed to homes close to schools, so residents will have it at their fingertips, should they need to place a call. The Corps of Commissionaires security company will respond to calls, and a mobile security unit will visit the scene as quickly as possible.