

FALL PD PLANNING

Calendars fill up quickly, so you'll want to block Friday, November 25, to join us for our fall trustee education event at the Norwood Hotel in Winnipeg. On that date, we are pleased to be welcoming Stephen Hansen, past executive director of the British Columbia School Trustees Association, for a full-day session on "The Human Side of Effective and Efficient Leadership—It's All About the People!"



This interactive workshop will explore the unwritten realities of school board governance – the sometimes messy bits that aren't in policies, bylaws or legislation. This session will build on the real-life experiences of trustees through a discussion about the challenges of working together as a board, building appropriate and effective relationships with senior staff, managing the expectations of constituents, and utilizing tools for assessing governance effectiveness. This workshop, which is designed for both new and experienced trustees, will be engaging, honest, and fun. It will leave you with enhanced insight into the people side of board work, and tools that you can use at your own board table. Full program and registration information will be distributed in late summer, so watch for it!

FIVE WEEKS AND COUNTING

In just over a month, Manitoba school trustees will be welcoming their colleagues from across the country to the National Trustee Gathering on Aboriginal Education and the Canadian School Boards Association Congress 2016 in Winnipeg. Here are the latest developments!



Registration numbers are higher than anticipated for the National Trustee Gathering on Aboriginal Education. We're delighted about that, but it does mean we outgrew our original venue for the Wednesday evening opening. So, the opening dinner and keynote address will now be held at the Delta Hotel (the main Congress site), rather than Fort Gibraltar. Those higher numbers also compelled us to add some new [workshop](#) offerings for the Gathering, on July 7. These will be added to the website listing within the week.

And speaking of workshops, we want to ensure that we have room for everyone, and that no delegate is turned away from the session they most want to attend due to lack of space. So, we will be sending out an electronic survey to all registrants, asking them to indicate the sessions they are most likely to attend in each timeslot. The survey is anonymous and in no way binding, but it will help us plan by making sure we schedule the most in-demand sessions for the largest rooms. So, when you get the survey, please complete it.

COMMEMORATING ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Thanks in large part to the efforts of the Manitoba Teachers' Society (MTS) and its members, orange will be the colour of choice for many Manitobans this September 30. [Orange Shirt Day](#) is a movement that officially began in 2013, but it draws its name from an event that took place 40 years earlier, in 1973. That year, a six-year old girl entering a residential school in Williams Lake, BC had her new orange shirt taken from her, to be replaced with the school's institutional uniform. Today, Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. MTS will be supporting and promoting Orange Shirt Day with lesson plans, posters, and a fall news conference. For details, check out the MTS [website](#) or *The Manitoba Teacher*, or follow the Society on its social media feeds.



FUNDAMENTALS OF INVESTIGATION

On November 23, the Manitoba Association of School Business Officials (MASBO) will be holding a one-day session on the "Fundamentals of Investigation." This event, which will be held at the Victoria Inn in Winnipeg, will be led by Gareth Jones, a former police officer with the over 30 years of investigative experience and an experienced investigative trainer. The course will cover six main topics: the fundamentals of investigation, how to plan an investigation, investigative interviewing, documents and digital evidence, evidence assessment and effective report writing, and workplace investigations. MASBO is welcoming non-members to this event, so mark your calendars now, and look for details on the [MASBO website](#) in the very near future.

