

INNOVATION X2

Next Thursday evening, we'll be hosting our annual [Celebration of Success](#), which includes the Innovation Showcase and presentation of the Premier Award for School



Celebration of Success

Board Innovation. You won't want to miss it! And if this evening gets you thinking about some of your own board's innovations, why not apply for a Canadian Education Association (CEA) ["Innovation that Sticks" School District Case Study Program](#)? CEA wants to learn about, distill and promote how one school district is beginning to find success in scaling and transforming its schools to meet the needs of all 21st century learners. The successful district/division will receive a \$10,000 cash award, and the opportunity to share its work through the development (in cooperation with a CEA researcher) of a case-study, a feature article in CEA's *Education Canada* magazine, and a presentation at CEA's annual conference in November 2016. Deadline for receipt of applications is April 15, 2015.

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AND STILL MORE INNOVATION!

Each year, CEA also sponsors the Ken Spencer Award for Innovation in Teaching and Learning. The 2014-2015 winners have been chosen, and summaries of the [winning entries](#) have been posted to the CEA website. These include an honourable mention for Manitoba's own Seven Oaks School Division, which was recognized for its Wayfinders Program, a high school tutoring and mentorship program designed to interrupt the effects of poverty and marginalization that lead to students dropping out of high school. Congratulations to all those involved!



THE KEN SPENCER AWARD

CLARIFYING THE MESSAGE

"I know you believe you understand what you think I said, but I'm not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant." Have you ever felt that way about your school board (or even your personal) communications? Well, if you have, then you'll want to log in to our next webinar, which will focus on [communications and branding](#). This webinar will help you answer some key questions: Are you in control of the message? Do you have the confidence of your community? Do you control the outcome of the issue? The live webinar will be offered at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, April 1, 2015. As always, this webinar will also be [archived](#) for later viewing

by anyone unable to participate at the scheduled time. To register, email Board Development Consultant [Janis Arnold](#).

RISK MANAGER VACANCY

After 35 years of service to Manitoba school boards, Risk Manager Keith Thomas is taking a much-deserved retirement. This means two things: (1) we're going to be missing Keith; and (2) we're hiring! We have posted both the [ad](#) and the full [position description](#) on our website. The deadline for receipt of applications is 4:30 p.m. on March 20, 2015. The anticipated start date is May 4, 2015.



SUSTAINABLE ENERGY IN SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

Spring is just around the corner, which means it's almost time for the annual [Sustainable Energy Conference](#). This is the third year for the conference, which is organized by the W.C. Miller Collegiate's Sustainable Energy Program. This year's conference theme is "Sustainable Energy in Manitoba Schools: What our Future Could Look Like." Presenters include the Deputy Minister of Education Dr. Gerald Farthing, the Natural Science and Engineering Research Council of Canada Alternative Energy Chair Dr. Eric Bibeau, and Lindsay Oster, the Principal Architect at Prairie Architects (designers of the Northlands Parkway School in Winkler). Providence College University and Theological Seminary in Otterbourne will host this year's conference, which will take place on May 27. To learn more or to register, visit the [website](#).



HELP WELCOME CANADA TO MANITOBA

The Canadian School Boards Association's annual congress is coming to Winnipeg in July 2016, and we're looking for some smiling Manitoba faces for a video we'll be using to promote the event at Congress 2015 in Saskatoon. We're setting up a photo booth at our own convention next week, and inviting individual trustees or board groupings to issue a few words of welcome to Winnipeg and Manitoba. Interested? Stop by the convention registration desk for more details, or to participate.

