

MERN FORUM

The [MERN Urban 2016](#) Forum will run from 9:00 to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 8, at the Urban Circle Training Centre on Selkirk Avenue in Winnipeg. The forum will include four concurrent sessions, each offering three workshop choices. Topics are wide-ranging, and touch on aspects of Indigenous and Aboriginal programming, adult learning, mentorship programs, attendance policies and more. There is no charge to attend the forum, but [pre-registration](#) is required.

POST-CONVENTION THIS-N-THAT

If you attended the convention last week but haven't yet had a chance to complete your online evaluation, it's not too late. Take a moment to visit the Survey Monkey site indicated on the back page of your program, and help us ensure that future events meet *your* needs. The evaluation site will be open for a few more days only, so don't delay! And speaking of "a few more days," that's when you can expect to see the full record of proceedings from our 52nd annual convention posted. These proceedings contain the full text of the president's address to the membership, the dispensation of all resolutions, election results and more. When posted, you'll find a link to the proceedings on our [homepage](#). In the meantime, why not revisit the convention by checking out our [slideshow](#) of speakers, award winners, and other highlights of this annual event?



WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

Thanks to the generosity of both prize donors and ticket-buyers, our annual charitable raffle held in conjunction with convention raised more than \$2200 this year. All proceeds from this raffle were donated to this year's charity of choice, [Manitoba Riding for the Disabled Association](#). The raffle is a showcase for some of the amazing talent and programs found in Manitoba's schools, as many of the prizes are student made. Again, thank you!



UPDATE: CSBA CONGRESS 2016



Online registration for the Canadian School Boards Association 2016 Congress and National Trustee Gathering on Aboriginal Education will open at the end of March (or very early April). All keynote and plenary sessions have now been confirmed, and we are in the process of finalizing the concurrent workshop offerings. We may still be able to accommodate a limited number of additional workshops, so if you meant to but just never got around to submitting a [proposal](#), it might not be too late. The registration link and session details will be posted to the [congress website](#) as they become available.



PROVINCIAL ELECTION UPDATE

If you weren't able to join us for the provincial candidates' debate on education that was held in conjunction with convention, you can now view it online. [The debate](#) was recorded in its entirety, and has been posted to our [election page](#). And while the Manitoba Green Party was not included in the debate, the party has supplied us with a [written response](#) to the same questions that were asked in the debate. That response has also been posted.



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