

PLAN TO PLAN

As a school board member, you know that good planning is integral to your board's success, and planning is also a key component of E²G, our standards framework for effective and efficient school board governance. To help you start down or continue along the right planning path, Board Development Consultant [Janis Arnold](#) has developed a new, two-part Division Dispatches. Part 1, [E²G Strategic Planning](#), introduces the process of setting divisional goals, or the "what" of planning. Part 2, [E²G Operations Plan](#), provides a brief overview of how divisional administration helps the board achieve those goals through an operations (or administration) plan, the "how" of the planning process. Need more information or some in-person assistance? Janis is also available to help individual boards through customized sessions on planning or myriad other governance topics.



CONVENTION CHECKLIST

Feel the need to refresh your memory about convention procedures (obtaining individual and board ballots, collecting banquet tickets, etc.)? Then review the [checklist](#) that was distributed in today's divisional email, and which is also posted to our website. And, even if you're an old hand at convention, you may want to reacquaint yourself with the floorplan of the Delta, because the names of the meeting rooms have changed since last year. To help you with that, we've included a map on the flipside of the checklist.



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COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

Did you know that our annual [Celebration of Success](#)—our Thursday evening gathering dedicated to recognizing some of the great people and programs in our schools—is open to everyone? Convention delegates are encouraged to invite friends, family and colleagues to join us at the Delta Hotel on the evening of March 17. The Celebration gets underway at 7:00 p.m. when the doors to the Innovation

Showcase open. At 8:00 p.m., the awards ceremony gets underway, with the presentation of our own student citizenship awards, the AMM George Harbottle Memorial Award, and the Premier Award for School Board Innovation. These presentations are followed by a reception to honour all recipients. No registration is required for this event, so spread the word!



ELECTION COUNTDOWN

The April 19 provincial election is fast approaching, which means that the pace of announcements and campaign promises will be accelerating. To help you keep track of those promises as they relate to kids and education, we have launched our [provincial election page](#). For now, we have links to relevant organizations such as the provincial political parties and Elections Manitoba. As the campaign progresses, we will update the webpage with specific announcements, media reports, and information we glean directly from candidates and parties, so check back often.



TALK WITH OUR KIDS ABOUT MONEY (TWO KAM) PROGRAM

The third Wednesday of April each year is Talk With Our Kids About Money Day, and the [Canadian Foundation for Economic Education](#) (CFEE) has resources available to help with that talk. And because financial education and literacy are important components of students' basic education, those resources include free, non-commercial, money-focused lesson plans for all middle school subjects. The Manitoba lesson plans meet provincial curriculum outcome expectations and are available in either French or English. Teachers can register [online](#) to access a comprehensive teachers' guide and all the classroom resources.

