

## WELCOME, AND THANK YOU!

On May 3, Manitoba's new provincial government was [sworn into office](#) at a ceremony at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Premier Brian Pallister named Ian Wishart, MLA for Portage la Prairie since the 2011 general election, Minister of Education and Training. [Deputy Ministers](#) were announced on May 4, and included Bramwell Strain as Deputy Minister of Education and Training. We look forward to working with both Minister Wishart and Mr. Strain in the upcoming months and years, and hope to meet with them in the near future.

At this time, we would also like to thank former Minister of Education and Advanced Learning James Allum and Deputy Minister Gerald Farthing for their exemplary service to Manitoba's children and public schools.

## LAST WEBINAR OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Join Board Development Consultant Janis Arnold for our last [webinar](#) until fall. This session, another in the E2G series, will focus on the importance of robust monitoring and reporting structures, along with regular, meaningful evaluations. While these are complex topics, this half-hour session will provide a high-level look at the broad topics, and will serve as the starting point for boards to examine their own systems for monitoring, reporting and evaluating. The webinar is scheduled for 12:00 noon on Thursday, May 26. To register for this no-charge session, e-mail [Janis Arnold](#). Not able to participate in the live feed? As always, a link to the [archived webinar](#) will be posted to our website after May 26.



## SEEKING INNOVATORS

If you are or know of an innovator in education, why not have that work recognized? The Canadian Education Association (CEA) and Reader's Digest Canada are co-sponsoring the 2016 [Canadian Innovators in Education Awards](#), to celebrate and promote educators who are leading lasting and system-changing initiatives at all levels of K-12 education in Canada. These awards recognize and showcase the work of teachers, principals and administrators who are developing innovative teaching and learning programs throughout their school districts, with a particular focus on improving student engagement and learning. Prizes total \$40,000; the deadline for application is May 18, 2016.



## ENVIRONMENTAL ED CONFERENCE THIS SUMMER

The Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication (E2COM) is a national network for environmental learning. The organization's 2016 conference, [Choose the Future: Environmental Education for a Culture of Change](#), will be held in Manitoba at the International Peace Garden, from August 25 to 28. The conference, which is built on the themes of waste minimization, climate change and energy, and food and water security, will provide educators with ideas, tools and resources to make a culture of change a reality. [Registration](#) for this event, which is co-sponsored by the Manitoba Education for Sustainable Development Working Group, is now open. Early bird registration fees are in effect until June 15, 2016.



## SEVERE WEATHER

As the end of the school year approaches, students and staff are getting caught up in a whirlwind of activity, but there's another, more ominous whirlwind we all need to look out for—tornadoes. In Manitoba, several tornadoes touch down each year in a season that typically runs from April to September. That's why we've once again posted our risk management bulletin [Best Practices: Tornadoes](#). Check it out and share it so everyone will know the tell-tale signs that a tornado may be approaching, and what to do whether they are in a building, outside, or in a car.



## UPDATED POLICY MANUAL

The association's [Manual of Policies and Beliefs](#), updated to reflect decisions made through the resolutions process at the 2016 convention, has been posted.

