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MORE ON THE 2016 CENSUS

Statistics Canada has released the second round of data from the [2016 Census of Population](#). These new data reveal more about Canadians, including their age, their sex, and the types of dwellings they live in. Several census data tools are also available. These tools, which include the [Census Profile](#) and the [Focus on Geography Series](#), can help school boards learn more about the population make-up and trends in their own communities.



Four more releases of census results are scheduled for publication in the upcoming months: August 2 (families, households, marital status and language); September 13 (income); October 25 (immigration, ethnocultural diversity, housing and Aboriginal peoples); and November 29 (education, labour, journey to work, language of work, mobility and migration).

THE 20/20 ON 20K3

The provincial government's move to eliminate targeted funding for class-size reduction in the early years generated a lot of discussion. Association President Ken Cameron [responded](#) to one article that raised concerns about the potential impact of this policy change on students by looking at the class-size research. That [research](#)—distilled by the US-based Center for Public Education—suggests that a one-size fits all approach to class-size reduction has its shortcomings. The allocation of resources, including resources to reduce class size, is a decision better made at the local level by educators and school boards, on the basis of students' identified needs. You'll find Ken Cameron's complete [response](#), which includes links to both the original [article](#) and the [research](#), on our [advocacy page](#).



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POLICY UPDATES

The association's updated [policy manual](#) has been posted. This new version reflects decisions made through the resolutions process at the 2017 convention. The manual is divided into three sections: foundation statements (vision, mission, mandate, beliefs, values and brand), policies (statements of principle in nine areas), and current resolutions (resolutions other than policies that have been adopted or reaffirmed by the membership within the past five years).

SUMMER RISKS



Summer's almost here, and while the warmer days are welcome, their sometimes-companions—severe weather and increased school vandalism—are not. Check out the Risk Management [Best Practices Bulletin](#) on tornadoes, for some advice on preparing for and keeping safe during summer storms. As well, our school vandalism prevention program is back again this summer. Residents living near schools in the Winnipeg area are encouraged to keep an eye open for suspicious activity, including graffiti, arson, on-site use of drugs or alcohol, and signs of break and enter. Incidents can be reported to a dedicated tip-line at 204-231-4556. The Corps of Commissionaires security company will respond to calls and a mobile security unit will visit the scene as quickly as possible.



DOUBLE-CHECK OUR ACCURACY

Each year, before we publish our trustee datebook, we ask divisions to check our information for accuracy. We want to make sure that we've spelled everyone's name correctly, that we have the right person in the right job, and that we've caught any changes in your division's address or phone number. That information for verification went out in this week's divisional email, with a request that you notify us of any corrections by Friday, June 30. And remember, you can keep us informed about changes as they occur by emailing Administrative Assistant [Jennifer Esau](#). We appreciate your help in keeping us current!

