

CONVENTION 2018 FOLLOW-UP

The association's [policy manual](#) has been updated and posted to our website. The document has been renamed Policies and Requests for Action, in accordance with by-law amendments adopted in 2018. It contains all current association policy statements, as well as individual resolutions. Those resolutions, now called requests for action, will remain on the books for three years, after which time they will be permanently archived unless reintroduced and adopted by a future convention.

Also, if you attended the workshop on Instructional Walkthroughs for the Purpose of School Improvement presented by Julie Cordova and Mike Wake from St. James-Assiniboia S.D. and were looking for a copy of that presentation, it's now available. It was distributed in a recent divisional email, or to obtain a copy directly, email [Heather Demetrioff](mailto:Heather.Demetrioff@mbca.ca).

PCAP 2016

On April 30, the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC) released the [results](#) of the most recent iteration of PCAP (the Pan-Canadian Assessment Program). The major focus of PCAP 2016 was reading, with a minor focus on science and math. This release generated significant attention not only in Manitoba but across Canada, with much of that attention focused on comparing levels of achievement between provinces, genders, or linguistic groups. Lost in that analysis were three critical facts: the vast majority of students in Manitoba and Canada meet or exceed expectations in all three subject areas; levels of achievement are increasing in Manitoba; and social factors such as poverty impact dramatically on academic outcomes. In order to help sort through the noise, we have prepared a [background paper](#) on PCAP, as well as an [official association response](#), which can be accessed from our [advocacy page](#).



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SURVEYING YOUTH SERVICES

As part of its efforts to improve services for youth, the Government of Canada is inviting young Canadians (aged 14+), their parents, and people who work with youth, to participate in an online survey. School boards and their communities have been specifically identified as a target group, so now's your chance to make your views known! Any personal information collected in the survey will remain strictly confidential. The [survey](#) will be open until the end of August 2018.

ONLINE SURVEY

EECOM CONFERENCE

The [Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication \(EECOM\)](#) is a national network for environmental learning. EECOM envisions a country where Canadians are environmentally literate, engaged in environmental stewardship and contribute to a healthy, sustainable future for all. Its 2018 conference, [Classrooms to Communities \(C2C\)](#), aims to further that vision. Specifically, the conference will promote leadership capacity for place-based education and environmental literacy, communicate success stories of place-based education, support the integration of place-based education, and build greater capacity as a network of place-based education leaders, including teachers, schools, school districts, and community organizations.



The 2018 conference runs from October 18 to 21 at St. Eugene Mission Resort in BC's Kootenay Rockies. This is the site of a former residential school that is now owned and operated by the Ktunaxa Nation as a vehicle for education and economic development. Registration opens on May 15, 2018.

#TRUSTEESERVE

As reported in our [last e-bulletin](#), we're looking for volunteers to answer one simple question: why do you serve as a school trustee? Those answers, which can be anywhere from one to three sentences long, will be used to provide a snapshot of the varied backgrounds and motivations of Manitoba's 300+ serving school trustees. And speaking of snapshots . . . we will be asking featured trustees for a photo to include with their statement. Alternately, they can arrange to stop by the office for a free photo shoot and updated headshot. Thanks to those who have already volunteered with their answers, but we still have room for more. Questions, comments, or a statement for inclusion? E-mail Director of Education and Communication Services [Heather Demetrioff](mailto:Heather.Demetrioff@mbca.ca).



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