

FALL MEETINGS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



At the upcoming [virtual fall general meeting](#) on November 21, MSBA is offering a session on the topic of *Representation on School Boards* and pre-recorded *Conversations with the Community* moderated by **Rob Santos**, former Director of the Provincial Healthy Child Office and Assistant Deputy Minister for K-12 education.

Discussions will centre on representation and inclusivity of marginalized groups on school boards, as well as within the school division. We will also look at what school boards, as governors and leaders of local school divisions, may consider as short-term and long-term achievable measures to provide for all voices to be heard.

Guests include: **Jerome Cranston**, Ph.D., Professor and the Dean in the Faculty of Education at the University of Regina; **Darren Gogoo**, Chair of the CEA/EdCan Network, the Chair of the Council on Mi'kmaq Education and former Chair of the Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board; and **Tom Gentzel**, retired NSBA Executive Director (2012-2020).

An October 28 memo in divisional mail provides parameters and scope for questions boards can submit in advance. Please submit questions for guests by emailing [Janis Arnold](#) by November 10, 2020. The conversations will be broadcast online using the same Zoom link and following the business portion of the program.

CODE ORANGE FOR ALL SCHOOLS



Effective November 2, Manitoba moved to orange level response restrictions at **ALL** schools in Manitoba. What changes are happening as a result of moving to "orange - restricted" level under Manitoba's pandemic response system, across all schools in our province?:

- K-8 students may be offered temporary remote learning for the duration of the restricted level (orange) to create additional space, where required.
- Blended learning (in-class and online) for grades 9 to 12 where distancing cannot be achieved will continue as per status quo.
- Schools must ensure two meters of physical distancing to the greatest extent possible, and adjust classroom space as necessary; excess furniture must be removed from classrooms to create additional space; other spaces within schools must be repurposed to accommodate more distancing (e.g., multipurpose rooms, empty rooms, shared spaces, common areas, and libraries).
- Extracurricular activities are only permitted if all learning and distancing requirements have been met. If these activities continue, established guidelines must be followed and, in the case of sports, participants should maintain distance when not active.

- Teachers and staff who move across cohorts of students, including substitute teachers, are required to wear medical masks. Medical-grade disposable masks have been issued to all schools. N95 masks are not required.
- Indoor choir and the use of wind instruments are not permitted.
- All field trips must be postponed or cancelled.

All other public health measures are still in effect. All affected school divisions are aware of which schools are impacted, and plans have already been set to address the establishment of orange level restrictions for all schools across all communities of Manitoba. To learn how your school community is impacted by the latest restrictions, visit the [Province of Manitoba's website](#).

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH



Did you know that October was Cyber Security Awareness Month? CSAM is an internationally recognized campaign held each October to inform the public of the importance of cyber security. This campaign focused on helping all Canadians be more secure online by being informed and knowing the simple steps to protect themselves, their families, their workplace, and their devices. The month was divided into weekly themes that highlighted different aspects of cyber security. To view topics covered and to get tips on protecting your phone, computer, network and smart devices, check out the [CSAM website!](#)

LEST WE FORGET

Remembrance Day ceremonies will look a bit different at legions, community centres and schools around Manitoba this year.

Due to the pandemic and the absence of traditional school assemblies, Wendy Bloomfield, Chair of Seine River SD, has arranged that the pre-recorded St. Norbert Remembrance Day ceremony will be available to all Manitoba schools. The video will be broadcast live on November 11th, starting at 10:45 a.m. Visit the [event page](#) for more details.



MANITOBA INDIGENOUS YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (MIYAA)

The MIYAA honour the accomplishments of Indigenous youth in academics, athletics, community involvement and more. The application deadline is November 23, 2020. [Nominate](#) an outstanding individual for the 2020 awards today!



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