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HOT OFF THE PRESS!

You may have heard it was coming, and now we're pleased to say it's arrived! <u>Leading Together: A Resource Guide for School Boards</u>, <u>Superintendents and Secretary-Treasurers</u>, is an expanded version of the former superintendency document. Just as the old document did, this publication covers topics such as roles, qualifications,



recruitment and selection, contracts and evaluation. Unlike the former version, however, this update examines those topics as they relate to both superintendents and secretary-treasurers, in recognition of the critical role business officials play. The resource was developed in cooperation with MASS and MASBO, and both of these organizations are distributing print copies to their membership. We are distributing one print copy to each board, care of the board chair. Additional copies may be printed as needed at the link above.

HELPING TO NURTURE MINDS, HEARTS AND BODIES

The Convention Planning Committee is in the midst of finalizing the program for our 2016 event, and it's looking for school divisions' help! The theme of Convention 2016 is Nurturing Minds, Hearts and Bodies. A call for workshop proposals in the November 4 divisional email invited school boards to make a presentation about a local success story that speaks to some aspect of this theme, be it mind (academic or intellectual development), heart (emotional or mental well-being) or body (physical health and well-being). Presentations that address the interplay between and among these determinants of student success are also welcome. The deadline for receipt of proposals is December 4, 2015. You'll find links to the call for proposals, and all other convention-related material, on our dedicated convention page.



March 17 - 19, 2016 Delta Winnipeg, 350 St. Mary Ave.

REGIONAL MEETING FOLLOW-UP

As mentioned at our October regional meetings, the association is hoping to develop a demographic profile of school board members in Manitoba.

To that end, we have developed a brief, 11-question survey that is being distributed to all trustees through their board chair.

The survey can be completed either online, or via a form fillable PDF. The survey instrument and online link are being sent to board chairs and secretary-treasurers in today's divisional email.

A summary of discussions on the advocacy questions considered at those meetings was also distributed today. Responses to each question have been grouped by region, for ease of comparison. The responses will be used to inform executive discussions about the association's advocacy efforts and related matters.

NEW U OF M SCHOLARSHIP FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

The University of Manitoba has launched its new Indigenous Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarships. Beginning in September 2016, three scholarships, each worth \$16,000 over four years, will be awarded to Indigenous (Status, Non-Status, Métis, or Inuit) students from across Canada. Selection criteria include high levels of academic achievement and communication skills, demonstrated leadership qualities, and a record of community involvement. The deadline for receipt of applications is December 1, 2015.

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR), housed at the University of Manitoba, officially opened last week. The NCTR is the permanent home for all statements, documents and other materials gathered by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Ensuring educators can share the Indian Residential School history with future generations of students is one of the NCTR's primary goals. The inclusion of a section specifically for educators on the NCTR website, with videos and activities created and inspired by educators and students, is intended to help further that goal.

