

## CONVENTION 2017 UPDATE

The theme has been set for our 2017 convention, and now we are turning to you to help us fill out the program. ***The Effectiveness Equation: Governing for Student Success*** will look at ways critical board-level responsibilities—community engagement, fiscal management, and nurturing a positive culture and climate—can have a positive impact on school and classroom-level outcomes. We know many school boards are doing some great work in these areas, so why not share your insights with your colleagues through a convention workshop offering? The call for proposals was distributed in today's divisional email; the deadline for receipt of proposals is December 9, 2016.



In other convention news, the planning committee has named [First Steps](#), a program of Winnipeg Harvest dedicated to providing formula and food for babies province-wide, as the

recipient of proceeds from this year's raffle. Details on how you can support this great cause through a raffle donation are outlined in a memo in today's divisional email. The information package for association [recognition and award programs](#) was distributed on October 26, and the call for nominations and resolutions on October 19. And finally, watch for hotel room booking information in the November 23 divisional email.

## CONGRESS 2017 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) will be hosting the National Trustee Gathering on Aboriginal Education and the Canadian School Boards Association 2017 Congress from July 5-8, 2017 at the Fairmont Chateau Whistler Hotel in Whistler, B.C. The conference [website](#) is now live, and registration is open for both events.

With a national focus and overarching theme of Leading the Way Together, the Gathering and Congress will offer trustees, senior administrators and principals an opportunity to explore cohesive leadership that supports educational transformation in K-12 public education. It



will also provide an opportunity for participants to connect with their peers from across Canada. Detailed information on agendas, speakers and accommodation is available at [www.CSBA2017.ca](http://www.CSBA2017.ca).

## DID YOU KNOW?

Through the Manitoba Education Resources Library, CBC [Curio](#) gives



Manitoba teachers and students streaming access to CBC's best educational content, carefully selected to support K-12 curricula. One of the newest additions to Curio is *The Secret Path*, an animated film that tells the true story of Chanie Wenjack, a 12-year-old boy who died while trying to escape from a residential school and travel back home. The story is told through illustrations by Jeff Lemire and Gord Downie's music. A mini-documentary is also included that features Gord Downie's trip to visit the Wenjack family in Ogoki Post, Ontario. Visit the [library's website](#) to register and access Curio's content.

## GREENEST SCHOOLS IN CANADA

Last year, Argyle Alternative High School in the Winnipeg S.D. was named [one of Canada's greenest schools](#). This year, maybe it will be one of your schools in the [energy-efficient] spotlight! [The Greenest School in Canada contest](#) is sponsored by the Canada Green Building Council and the Canada Coalition for Green Schools, and is open to schools of all grade levels. The winning school will receive \$2000 to be used towards a green activity, and an entry into the [Greenest School on Earth competition](#). Entry deadline is April 30, 2017.



## MERN DATE CHANGE

The date for session two of the MERN Indigenous Education Research Seminar Series, *Re-Storying Education: Indigenous Knowledges in Motion* has been changed to December 9, 2016. For more information or to register, visit the MERN [website](#).



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