

SUMMER SCHOOL PATROLS

If you attended the recent October regional meetings, you'll remember that one of the presentations was an overview of association risk management services. (If you weren't in attendance, you can find the presentation [here](#).) That presentation made mention of summer school patrols that risk management (under the auspices of MSI insurance) implemented a number of years ago. In summer 2017, a total of 2528 school patrols were conducted in Winnipeg, Brandon, Lorette and Iles des Chenes. There were also 14 neighbourhood watch calls related to suspicious school-ground activity. Construction sites and school roofs proved to be a big draw for after-hour activity, accounting for a large percentage of reports. There was also graffiti and vandalism reported, as well as incidents of after-hours trespassing. Incidents were not restricted to any particular area or areas, although some individual schools attracted more attention than others. These in turn were patrolled more frequently in a proactive effort to stop trouble before it started.

NEW WEBINAR SERIES LAUNCHES

This month, we launched the first in a new series of webinars that will feature superintendents from across the province, offering up their insights and expertise from their position as part of divisional leadership teams. The first webinar in this series aired earlier today, and featured Seine River superintendent Michael Borgfjord on supporting a culture of continuous change and improvement.

If you missed it live, you can find it in our [webinar](#) library. For upcoming titles, visit our website, or watch for announcements in this e-bulletin.



CONVENTION 2018



The theme—Leadership, Service and Advocacy—is set. The facilities are booked. Speaker references are being checked. Or, in other words, Convention 2018 planning is in high gear! For all the latest news, visit our dedicated [convention webpage](#), where among other things, you'll find:

- details of our [recognition and award programs](#), including the forms you'll need to nominate a deserving person or program. The deadline for receipt of all nominations is January 26, 2018.

- [information on how to participate as a prize donor](#) in our annual raffle. This year, all proceeds from that raffle will be donated to [First Steps](#), a program of Winnipeg Harvest committed to feeding hungry babies across the province.
- a [call for workshop proposals](#), a way for your school division to share with delegates some of your positive initiatives in the areas of leadership, service and advocacy. The deadline for receipt of proposals is December 8.
- the [call for nominations and resolutions](#). Nominations will be accepted any time up until the final call on the morning of March 15, and while the deadline for regular resolutions has passed, emergent resolutions can still be submitted for consideration by the executive up until the start of convention.

And when you're checking out these or other convention-related materials, you'll be seeing a lot of "new for 2018" badges. With our change from a two-and-a-half day to two-day format this year, some long-standing convention traditions are changing. We've done our best to highlight these in our communications, so watch for them!



LIMITED SPACE, LIMITED TIME

If you haven't yet registered for our November 17 workshop, it's not [quite] too late. We have a very limited number of spaces remaining for [Telling Stories About School: Building Public Support](#), a full day session at the Norwood Hotel with Marc Kuly. The registration deadline is this Friday, November 10. To register, complete the form that was distributed in our September 27 divisional mail, or request a form by emailing [Jennifer Esau](#).



Marc Kuly

RESOURCES FOR NATIONAL CHILD DAY

In Canada, National Child Day has been celebrated since 1993, on November 20. The November date is significant because it was the date of adoption of two important documents focused on children's rights: the [United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child](#) in 1959, and the [United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child](#) in 1989. The federal government's [National Child Day page](#) includes both a [child-friendly version](#) of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, and a [children's rights activity guide](#).



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