

BY-ELECTION—ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

A by-election for Manitoba School Boards Association President will be held on Friday, November 30, as part of our special general meeting at the Victoria Inn in Winnipeg. This position became vacant following the October 24 school trustee elections, in which then-president Ken Cameron did not seek re-election. The successful candidate in this by-election will serve until the next regularly scheduled election for president, which is March 15, 2019.



In accordance with association by-laws, this election will be held via board ballots. School boards are entitled to a set number of ballots, based on their student enrolment. Boards are required to submit an “authorization to receive board ballots” form prior to the election; ballots will be released on-site on November 29 or 30 to an individual named on this form. Nominations for the by-election close at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 23, 2019. For more information about the by-election process, or to learn more about the candidates, visit the [by-election webpage](#).

CONVENTION 2019

Looking for information about our 2019 Convention? Check out our updated [convention page](#)! The theme for this year’s event is Leadership, Service and Advocacy: Local Voices, Local Choices. And if the second half of that title sounds familiar, it should. We’re taking the opportunity afforded by the annual gathering of school board members from across the province to build on our current Local Voices, Local Choices advocacy campaign (you can find out more about that on our website, [here](#), or on our [Facebook page](#)). Keynote speakers and concurrent sessions will be finalized in the next few weeks, and these will be posted as that happens. If your board hasn’t already done so, why not submit a [workshop proposal](#) and share some of the local choices you’ve made to support your community’s vision for public education?

The convention page also includes information about submitting nominations for executive office, a list of nominations received to date, details of the hotel room booking procedure, and the awards and recognition information package. You can also find a link to learn more about our 2019 charity of choice, the Manitoba Camping Association’s [Sunshine Fund](#), and find out how you can [support](#) this great cause by making a donation to our annual raffle.



Leadership, Service and Advocacy:
Local Voices, Local Choices

Convention 2019, March 14 - 15, Delta Winnipeg, 350 St. Mary Avenue

KIDS + STEPS + SWEAT = HEALTHIER BRAINS

The 2018 [ParticipACTION Report Card](#) on Physical Activity for Children and Youth is the most comprehensive assessment of child and youth physical activity in Canada. The Report Card synthesizes data from multiple sources, including the best available peer-reviewed research, to assign evidence-informed grades across 14 indicators. The Report Card has been replicated in over 50 cities, provinces and countries, where it has served as a blueprint for collecting and sharing knowledge about the physical activity of young people around the world. The findings are applicable to all Canadian kids, regardless of gender, cultural background or socio-economic status, including those with disabilities. The 2018 Report Card includes an Expert Statement on Physical Activity and Brain Health in Children and Youth, which will be of particular interest to school trustees!



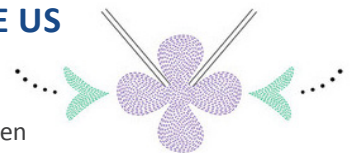
IMAGINE A CANADA

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation’s (NCTR) [Imagine a Canada](#) is calling on young people (K-12) from across the country to help lead Canada through Reconciliation. Understanding Residential School history can be a challenging and difficult topic; learning through art can heal, transform and empower youth to make a difference in Canadian society. Students can share their vision of Reconciliation through a poem, a song, a painting, a sculpture, a rap, a drawing, an essay—anything that speaks to them. The NCTR has developed an Imagine a Canada [teachers’ guide](#) to help navigate this subject. The submission deadline for student entries is January 31, 2019. One young person from each province and territory will be invited as a Reconciliation Ambassador to the National Leadership Workshop and Ceremony celebrating Reconciliation.



THEIR VOICES WILL GUIDE US

The Student and Youth Engagement Guide from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, [Their Voices will Guide Us](#), is now available on the National Inquiry’s [website](#). This guide is a resource for educators at all levels to introduce the value of Indigenous women’s and girls’ lives into the classroom and into the minds and hearts of young people. It will prepare educators to use a decolonizing pedagogy and a trauma-informed approach in their teaching. The guide is available as both a PDF and Word document, and users are invited to use it to create their own resources that are relevant to their own territories, lands and communities. This guide is in the public domain, and educators are free to use all or parts of it without permission.



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