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FALL IS BUDGET SEASON

The Manitoba government is in the process of developing its next provincial budget, and it is looking for input. Citizens (and school boards) have three ways of participating. The interactive online [budget tool](#) lets you build your own budget, adjusting revenue and expenditure streams as you deem appropriate, and seeing the overall impact in real-time. [Community meetings](#) will be held between October 17 and October 26 in Winnipeg, Brandon, Thompson and Swan River. [Written presentations](#), to a maximum of 1500 words, may be submitted until November 9, 2016, via the online form provided at the link or by mail. The Manitoba School Boards Association has submitted a [written presentation](#), which was distributed in this week's divisional email, and which has been posted on the advocacy section of our website.



SETTING OUT A PLAN

On October 3, the Executive approved the final report of the [Aboriginal and Indigenous Education Action Planning Committee](#). The report explores ways of advancing the association's core priority in Aboriginal and Indigenous education, and proposes a multi-year action plan focussed on five specific areas:

- expanding board capacity and proficiency in Aboriginal and Indigenous matters;
- promoting greater equity and justice through inclusive workplaces and organizational practices in the public school system;
- enhancing Aboriginal and Indigenous voice and representation in school governance;
- fostering a culture of creativity and innovation for Aboriginal and Indigenous success; and
- acknowledging truth and championing reconciliation through public education.



CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG?!



Stephen Hansen

If you've ever thought that your job as a school trustee would be a lot simpler if it wasn't for your board colleagues, administration, or any of the other people you work with daily, our [fall trustee education event](#) is one you won't want to miss! Presenter Stephen Hansen describes the focus of The Human Side of Effective and

Efficient Governance as the "unwritten realities of school board governance – the sometimes messy bits that aren't in policies, bylaws or legislation." Full program and registration materials for this November 25 full-day event were distributed in the October 5 divisional email; the registration deadline is Friday, November 18.

And on a related topic, check out [Unintentional Undermining](#), the first in our new Around the Table series of [Division Dispatches](#). These short videos address a variety of difficult situations that may arise at your own board table, and suggest some ways such problems may be alleviated through applying the principles of good governance. Around the Table Division Dispatches are the latest [E2G](#) resources, our standards for school board governance.

COUNTDOWN TO CONVENTION 2017

It seems hard to believe, but Convention 2017 is only five months away—March 16 to 18, 2017. While the program won't be finalized until early in the New Year, you can expect a flurry of convention-related information in the next month, much of which will require your input. This includes:

- information on the hotel guest-room booking procedure, designed to ensure that each division receives a minimum number of rooms and parking spots at the Delta;
- the call for nominations and resolutions, with details about how we will be managing the transition to two-year terms of office through the 2017 election process;
- our awards and recognition program information package, with nomination forms for long service trustees, student citizenship and school board innovation awards, and the coveted Presidents' Council Award; and
- information about the 2017 charity of choice, that child- or education-focused charity that will be receiving all monies raised this year through our popular raffle.



And while the format for the 2017 Convention will remain little-changed from recent years (with some minor tweaking), both the Convention Planning Committee and the Executive are considering some more substantial changes for 2018 and beyond, largely in response to comments received through the evaluation process. Stay tuned for more details as they become available!



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