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A BUSY END TO NOVEMBER

We'll be closing out the month of November with two days jam-packed with learning, sharing, and association business. On November 29, we'll be holding our traditional post-election new trustee orientation. This full-day session will help newly-elected trustees better understand the role of school boards in Manitoba's K-12 public education system, and their own role on the school board. Topics will include an examination of what it means to govern, a look at school board structure and operations, the school division leadership team, funding and budgets, and the board's role as employer.

Professional development sessions geared for returning trustees will run concurrently with the new trustee orientation. These 75-minute sessions will provide up-to-date information on current and developing issues. The final list of topics continues to evolve, but will include school board codes of conduct, best practices in risk management, issues related to the legalization of recreational cannabis, and a legislative update.

November 30 will constitute both a general meeting of the association, and meetings of the various regions. The day's agenda will include nominations for positions on the provincial executive (to be elected in March), by-elections for any positions vacant after the October 24 school board elections, and an update on the association's activities and finances. Regions will discuss proposed resolutions, and vote to determine whether they will go forward to convention in March. There will also be a general session for information sharing and discussion of provincial issues, including the association's communications and advocacy initiative and the pending education review.

All sessions will be held at the Victoria Inn in Winnipeg, and will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. The registration package is being distributed in today's divisional email.

COMMITTEE VACANCY

The association's seat on the Student Services/Inclusive Education Consultation Advisory Committee is currently vacant, and we are looking for a volunteer to fill that position, effective immediately. The committee provides a forum for discussion on issues pertaining to student services and inclusive education, and opportunities to discuss the issues, mutual concerns, and policies related to student services and inclusive education with educational stakeholder groups. For the full committee mandate, or to volunteer, contact Executive Assistant [Andrea Kehler](mailto:Andrea.Kehler@mbschoolboards.ca). And watch for more committee opportunities following the October 24 school board elections!

LEARNING ON DEMAND

Our latest series of [Division Dispatches](#), [Partners in Education](#), pays homage to the old adage about not needing to reinvent the wheel. While we strive to provide high-quality learning resources on our own website, we are quick to acknowledge the good work that others are doing in this regard. In this four-part series, we have identified some of the most trustee-relevant resources available on the websites of other organizations: provincial school board associations, EdCan Network, BoardSource, and the Center for Public Education. For more information on these or other learning resources, contact Board Development Consultant [Janis Arnold](#).



THERE'S STILL TIME...

... to tell a student in need about the Horatio Alger Scholarship Program, which provides \$1.2 million annually in need-based scholarship support for deserving students in all Canadian provinces and territories. Scholarships of up to \$10,000 are awarded to full-time students in their terminal year of high school with financial need who have demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, a commitment to pursue a post-secondary education, a desire to contribute to society, and a good academic record. Deadline for application is October 25. You'll find details on our [website](#).



MORE 2016 CENSUS RESULTS

Statistics Canada continues to release its analysis of the [2016 Census of Population](#). The most recent installment was the [Aboriginal Population Profile](#), which presents information focusing on the Aboriginal identity population of various geographic areas. [Data tables](#) on families, households, marital status, language, immigration, ethno-cultural diversity, journey to work and Aboriginal peoples are now included as online Data tables. Statistics Canada has also created a new [census video](#) to show some of the ways in which census data can be used to help individuals and organizations plan for their futures.



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