

BUDGET MEETING TIME AGAIN

With budget discussions starting soon, your board is likely considering ways to get the most out of public engagement and participation. Over the last year, there was more interest than ever in the role of school boards and community input into schools. Your budget discussions can keep that momentum going through the group and individual contacts garnered over the past year. Use the same social media accounts and platforms to start the next conversation; the conversation about budget. **Tip:** people are more likely to respond to a personal invitation than a notice board or flyer brought home by a student.



Keep your eye out for the next e-bulletin and more ideas on engaging with and increasing the input from your public in these critical discussions.

VETERANS' WEEK SPEAKERS PROGRAM

Looking for ideas on how to make this Veterans' Week (November 5-11) memorable? Trying to find an incredible way to bring history to life and hear stories of our veterans?

The National Veterans' Week Speakers Program (NVWSP) has developed a series of Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) speaker videos geared toward various audiences and age levels which students could view in place of an in-person presentation.

There are also options to invite a CAF speaker for a live virtual presentation with your classroom or group or participate in an online virtual question and answer session during NVWSP's "Ask a CAF speaker" series.

If you want to receive the links to the CAF speaker videos or register for a live virtual presentation or the "Ask a CAF speaker" question and answer sessions, visit the 2021 National Veterans' Week Speakers Program [webpage](#). The deadline to register is October 28.



PCAP 2019 RESULTS

A [new report](#) released by the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC), presents a detailed portrait of the skills of Canadian youth in three core areas of learning: mathematics, reading, and science. The latest iteration of Pan-Canadian Assessment Program (PCAP) was administered in 2019. Approximately 30,000 Grade 8 students, from close to 1,600 schools across all 10 provinces, were tested in the spring of that year, with mathematics as the primary focus of assessment. Reading and science were also assessed.



The results were very encouraging. At the Pan-Canadian level, 90 percent of Canadian students in Grade 8 demonstrate the proficiency in mathematics that is expected of them (Level 2 or above), and almost 10 percent reach the highest level of performance (Level 4). Furthermore, at the provincial level, over 80 percent of students in every province (and 90 percent or more in four of them) meet the expected standard.

CYBER SECURITY EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG WOMEN IN MB HIGH SCHOOLS

On October 8, 2021, the Province of Manitoba recognized International Day of the Girl by [announcing](#) an investment of \$25,000 in a micro-credential [cyber security course](#) at the Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology (MITT) that will be offered to high school girls in Manitoba. This opportunity will assist in helping young women to gain important skills and explore future career options in the rapidly growing industry of cyber security. CyberWave at MITT is committed to improving representation of women in the booming industry of cyber security and removing barriers to entry for girls as a vital first step toward capturing their interest and engaging them in a dynamic, high-paying career opportunity.

CANADIAN MUSIC CLASS CHALLENGE 2021: VIDEO SUBMISSIONS OPEN NOW!

Every fall, CBC Music in association with MusiCounts — the charity of the Juno Awards — launches the [Canadian Music Class Challenge](#), a contest to engage music classes across the country with Canadian music.



The Challenge engages students by having them learn Canadian music in the classroom, it draws attention to the exceptional work music teachers are doing with children across the country, and it reinforces the importance of music in a well-rounded education.

This year's Challenge continues to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic by asking for a video performance, following recommended provincial safety guidelines. The [prizes](#) include thousands of dollars in gift certificates for instruments or any other audio products. Deadline for submissions is November 23.

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