

## LOCAL VOICES, LOCAL CHOICES

School boards are grassroots, democratic bodies, and Local Voices, Local Choices is our grassroots campaign to inform communities and mobilize public support for the work they do, and the role they play in shaping local schools that are responsive to student and community needs.



*Local Voices  
 Local Choices*

*Because schools belong to communities*

We have established dedicated [web](#) and [Facebook](#) pages to provide resources associated with the campaign. To date, these resources include a short video that addresses the importance of keeping school boards both local and elected (available in [French](#) or [English](#)) and a template letter of support for school board governance (also available in [French](#) and [English](#)). We have also posted the [first](#) of what will be a series of articles under the banner The Veteran's Voice, in which local veterans share their thoughts on the connections between military service, democracy and elections. The Facebook page provides a forum for trustees and community members to comment on anything they see on our page, as well as to post their own stories about what local choices in education have meant for them.

There are also resources available on our [advocacy page](#) that complement this campaign. The most comprehensive of these is an [education perspective on Manitoba's 2019 pre-budget consultation](#), which examines the implications of questions being asked in the online consultation about education.

New resources will be added in the months leading up to the government's promised review of K-12 education, which is expected to launch early in the new year. We encourage you to share these resources with your local communities, tell us your stories on Facebook, and check back often for updates. You can also follow us on Twitter and Instagram (@MbSchoolBoards), where we are using the hashtag #localvoiceslocalchoices.



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## TALKING TO KIDS

It's been one week since the recreational use of cannabis became legal in Canada, and while the initial flurry of media coverage leading up to and immediately following this change has abated somewhat, questions and confusion remain. To help clarify the situation, especially as it applies to young people in Manitoba, the association, in cooperation with MAPC, has produced a fact sheet, Talking to Kids about Cannabis. The fact sheet, which is available in [English](#), [French](#) and [Tagalog](#), is intended to provide students and their parents with the facts they need to make healthy, safe and informed choices when it comes to cannabis use.



The fact sheet includes information about the physiological and psychological impacts of cannabis use, details of the legal situation in Manitoba, and a glossary of additional resources for more information. You can link to the documents from our [homepage](#), or find them as downloads under [student safety](#) on the [risk management](#) page.

## POST ELECTION FOLLOW-UP

Once the 2018 school trustee elections results are known, we will be issuing a call for nominations to fill any resulting vacancies on the association's executive. By-elections will be held in conjunction with the special general meeting and regional meetings scheduled for November 30, 2018, at the Victoria Inn in Winnipeg. Watch your email or the association website for details.



Election results for [Brandon S.D.](#) and divisions within the [City of Winnipeg](#) will be posted on election night. We will be posting the results [for all other divisions](#) as they are available on October 25.

And finally, please return your completed association membership form to us as soon as possible after your inaugural meeting. Information on that form is used to compile our internal database, and to update the members section of our website.

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