

## CONVENTION 2020

The theme for the Manitoba School Boards Association 2020 convention is [Leading Change with Courage, Clarity and Resilience](#).



Julie Wilson

The Convention's professional development day, Thursday, March 12, will be framed by two inspiring keynotes that explore different aspects of this theme. Our opening keynote speaker is Julie Wilson, author of *The Human Side of Changing Education: How to Lead Change with Clarity, Conviction and*

*Courage*. Her presentation will explore the idea that changing schools means changing people, and that changing people requires special tools and a human-centered approach. Our closing keynote speaker will be [Zaheen Nanji](#), author of *The Resilience Reflex*, who will speak on "The Resilient Leader: Tap into Your Tenacity & Master Decision-Making Even in the Midst of Chaos."



Zaheen Nanji



**Leading Change**  
with courage, clarity and resilience

## CALL FOR WORKSHOPS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Between its opening and closing keynote presentations, Convention 2020 will offer delegates a selection of concurrent workshops that speak to some aspect of the convention theme, or to fundamental, ongoing responsibilities of school boards. We are once again inviting all school boards to share their experiences and expertise with their colleagues from across the province, by presenting a workshop session. And this year, we are also inviting school boards to nominate a student or students to participate in the convention program, in one of two ways. We are looking for a student or small student group to open the convention by leading delegates in the singing of O Canada on Thursday, March 12, and we are also looking for a polished, high-energy group of student performers to entertain delegates at the banquet that closes our convention on Friday, March 13.

Boards may submit a workshop proposal or nominate a student performer by completing the [form](#) that was distributed in today's divisional email. The deadline for receipt of proposals and nominations is December 6, 2019.

## IN OTHER CONVENTION NEWS

Friday, November 1 is the deadline for receipt of [resolutions](#) to go forward to our November 23 regional meetings. Resolutions received by that deadline will be considered by the regions, and if adopted, go before the membership at the convention in March.

In mid-November, boards will be receiving information about our awards and recognition program, with details about how they can submit nominations for the student citizenship awards, the Presidents' Council Award, and long service trustee recognition.

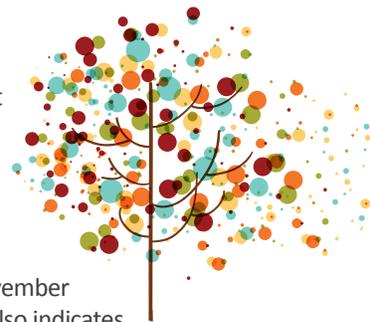
This year marks the 20th year that the Manitoba School Boards Association will hold a [raffle](#) in conjunction with its annual convention, with proceeds going to a local children's charity. The Convention Planning Committee has again selected the Sunshine Fund, a program of the Manitoba Camping Association that provides camp subsidies to Manitoba families, as the recipient of funds raised.

For all the latest convention news, visit our [convention page](#).



## FALL PD AND MEETINGS

The [final program](#) for our upcoming trustee professional development event and meetings is now available. This provides some additional detail that was not included in the preliminary program, distributed on September 25, 2019. Of particular note, this updated version includes descriptions of the November 22 plenary and concurrent sessions. It also indicates that the November 23 general meeting (morning session) will be livestreamed via Zoom. Details of how to connect to that livestream will be sent to school division offices no later than Wednesday, November 20, 2019.



## COMMITTEE VACANCY

There is currently one vacancy on the association's Resolutions and Policy Committee. To volunteer for this opportunity, please complete and submit the [committee volunteer form](#), or email Executive Assistant [Andrea Kehler](#).

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