

## FIND OUT MORE ABOUT E<sup>2</sup>G

E<sup>2</sup>G is shorthand for our emerging Standards Framework for Effective and Efficient Governance. The framework looks at how optimally functioning school boards strike a balance between effectiveness and efficiency in order to enhance their governance practices.



At 12:00 noon on Wednesday, October 28, Board Development Consultant Janis Arnold will host the first in a series of 45-minute webinars that will provide an introduction to the main features of the E<sup>2</sup>G framework. This session will examine the importance of a board's vision for schools and education, offer guidance as to what that vision (and related mission and value statements) should convey, and provide some suggestions for making sure your vision is more than words on a wall. Registration deadline is 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 28; to register, email [Janis Arnold](mailto:Janis.Arnold). Or, if time is so tight that even 45 minutes is more than you can spare right now, why not check out our video Division Dispatch, [E<sup>2</sup>G: An Introduction](#)? At less than 8 minutes running time, it should fit into even the busiest schedule! This is the first installment in a series; additional ones will follow in short order.

## FALL REGIONAL MEETINGS

A fall round of regional meetings gets underway next Saturday (October 24) in The Pas, and wraps up one week later—on Halloween—in Winnipeg. These meetings start at 9:30 a.m., and will adjourn by 3:30 p.m. The morning will focus on information sharing and group discussions about the association's advocacy initiatives and challenges; the afternoon will consist of a PD session focussing on either labour relations issues or social media. Agendas were sent to all boards on October 7 in a special divisional email; for a complete list of dates and locations, visit our [website](#).



## VOTERS AND OTHER SCHOOL VISITORS

With the October 19 federal election rapidly approaching, and next spring's provincial election on the horizon, it's a good time to review guidelines for visitors to schools. Many schools are used as polling stations during elections, which means an influx of visitors—that is, anyone who is not a student or staff—during a short period of time. However,



rules about visitors to schools apply all the time, not just during elections. Risk Manager Darren Thomas has prepared an easy-to-use [checklist](#) to help ensure that everyone is familiar with the rules about visitors, and is ready to do their part to help ensure building security.

## BECAUSE EVERY CHILD MATTERS

Want to keep on top of the latest developments in inclusive education and student services in Manitoba? Why not attend the half-day session being led by the Student Services Administrators Association of Manitoba (SSAAM) on the afternoon of December 2, 2015, at the Victoria Inn in Brandon? Topics covered in this session, Our Children—Meeting Their Needs Together, will include new legislation, changing funding models and new programming. A representative from Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning will lead the discussion, and provide insight into the changing structure of student services in our province. Division teams of school board trustees and senior administration are encouraged to attend. This half-day session will be followed up with a full day on December 3 with Dr. Anthony Muhammed on transforming school culture. More information on these events was distributed in the October 14 divisional email; for further details, contact [SSAAM](#).



## SUPPORTS FOR YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH, CHILDREN IN CARE

Two initiatives recently announced by the province of Manitoba are intended to support some of the province's most vulnerable young people. [Stress Hacks](#), a website launched on [October 5](#), is designed to help children and youth in need of mental health support. It provides tips to help support positive mental health, and will help individuals locate needed resources. And on October 6, the province [announced](#) the expansion of the COACH program to offer youth ages 12 to 15 in Manitoba Child and Family Services (CFS) care intensive mentoring, academic and treatment services, to help them succeed in school and into adulthood. The COACH program, which has been in existence for 14 years, was previously limited to serving children from 5 to 11 years of age.

