

MANITOBA VOTES WEBSITE LAUNCHED

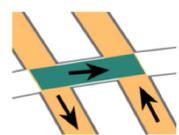
The Manitoba School Boards Association has partnered with the



Association of Manitoba Municipalities and All-Net.Ca to create a website dedicated to providing voters with a comprehensive listing of all candidates for municipal and school trustee elections. With the assistance of secretary-treasurers, who have been asked to update this website with nominations as they are received, the names of all candidates will be included at www.manitobavotes.ca. We have also invited candidates to provide us with contact information (email addresses, phone numbers, websites, Facebook pages, etc.), in order to provide voters with a means of contacting and interacting with candidates in their areas. And once October 22 has come and gone, this site will be further updated with election results. Check it out!

LEARNING FROM YOUR OWN PLACE

In case you missed it, the 2014-15 [Learning Opportunities Calendar](#) was distributed in our August 27 divisional email. Among the upcoming sessions listed is a September 24 lunch-hour webinar, [Hiring: It's a Two-Way Street](#).



This 45 minute, no-charge session brings to light many of the behind-the-scenes ways you can

ensure that the best job candidates are applying to your division and that you are considering all the facts to make the right decision. Resources for this webinar will be posted one week prior; download them by following the links on our website. To register, contact [Janis Arnold](#). Registration deadline is 10:00 a.m. on the day of the session.



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Behavioural economics or “the art of nudging” suggests that by tweaking small changes in a person’s surroundings we can steer or nudge them toward better decisions. Nudging is the deliberate designing of choices in order to steer the decision-maker in a certain direction, and hopefully to a positive outcome. Nudging is not about hitting people over the head and telling them they must change—it’s a whisper, not a shout. Nudging is being adopted by a wide range of sectors, including government and education. Our

latest Division Dispatch, [Nudge Me Baby One More Time](#), examines the idea of nudging in the context of the strategic planning process, and how it might move school divisions closer to their desired outcomes. Check out our [YouTube channel](#) for all our Division Dispatches and other video productions.

TIME TO VOLUNTEER?

After the trustee elections, we anticipate that there will be a significant number of vacancies on association committees, so why not consider volunteering? It’s easy to do so: just visit the [committee page](#) on our website

for a complete listing of options, decide which ones interest you, and fill out and submit the [committee volunteer form](#). Committee appointments are made on an as-required basis by the association’s executive.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

In July, Manitoba School Boards Association President Floyd Martens was named Vice-President of the [Canadian School Boards Association](#). Congratulations, Floyd! And speaking of things national, Manitoba will be hosting both the National Aboriginal Trustees Gathering and CSBA Congress in 2016. The two events will be held consecutively, from July 6 to 9, 2016. Planning starts soon, so watch for details!

AND SPEAKING OF MISSING SOMETHING (OR SOMEONE) . . .



At the September 8 meeting of the Manitoba School Boards Association’s provincial executive, Executive Director Carolyn Duhamel submitted her letter of resignation, effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year. Carolyn has served the association in her current capacity since April 1, 2000. Prior to that, she served on the association’s provincial executive, including as president

in 1995-96. A committee of four executive and two staff members will launch the search for a new executive director in the coming weeks. Watch for details.