



WE TRIED IT, YOU LIKED IT

In 2015, the association held a round of regional meetings in October, and the response was overwhelmingly positive. So, with that in mind, we're doing the same this year, to discuss some of the major issues facing school boards. We'll kick off with a Region 4 meeting in Thompson on October 22, followed by Region 1 (October 24, Brandon), Region 3 (October 27, St. Andrews), Region 2 (October 28, Carman), and concluding with Region 5/6 on October 29 in Winnipeg. Agendas will be distributed in the near future. Watch for them!

SEE YOU (VIRTUALLY) IN JANUARY

While much of the association business normally conducted at January regional meetings will be moved to October, there are two items that must be considered closer to the annual convention: nominations and resolutions. That requirement is contained in association by-laws. In order to meet that stipulation, we will be conducting short regional meetings via teleconference or webinar in January. These meetings will deal with nominations and resolutions only. And, in order to ensure that the executive can better reflect the wishes of the membership when it comes to scheduling future regional meetings, expect to see a by-law amendment in March that will remove a specific time-frame from the by-law.

SEE US, HEAR US

Along with other members of the Social Justice Coalition of Manitoba, we are proud to be a co-sponsor of the upcoming forum, [See Us, Hear Us: Refugees, Immigrants and Newcomers in Manitoba Schools](#). The event will be held in Winnipeg from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 27, at Hugh John Macdonald School, and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. the next day at The Peaceful Village, 357 Bannatyne Avenue. The fee for this event is \$25, and registration is open to all coalition partner members. To register, you will first need to create an account by following the link above, clicking on the "my profile/members area" tab at the top of the page, and then on the "sign up now" button. You will receive an account number via email that will allow you to sign in and register.



DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER

Just a reminder, orange will be the colour of choice for many Manitobans this September 30. Orange Shirt Day is a movement that officially began in 2013, but it draws its name from an event that took place 40 years earlier, in 1973. That year, a six-year old girl entering a residential school in Williams Lake, BC had her new



orange shirt taken from her, to be replaced with the school's institutional uniform. Today, Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. MTS will be supporting and promoting Orange Shirt Day with lesson plans, posters, and a fall news conference. For more information, including lesson plans and posters, visit the [MTS website](#).

IT'S A MATTER OF PRIVACY

On September 27 and 28, the Manitoba Ombudsman Office will be hosting [2016 Manitoba Connections: Access, Privacy, Security and Information Management Conference](#). Access, privacy, security and information management challenges are intertwined with almost everything that Manitoba public sector employees do. Manitoba Connections recognizes the benefits that can be gained by breaking down the silos and bringing these information disciplines together in one conference. Through a series of plenary, breakout and workshop sessions, delegates will gain a clearer understanding of access to information, protection of privacy, information security, and information management issues that may arise in organizations subject to FIPPA and PHIA, a group which includes school boards. [Register](#) online.



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