

## THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT!

A huge thank-you to all the secretary-treasurers and other board office staff who helped us populate the [Manitoba Votes](http://www.manitobavotes.ca) website during and immediately following the trustee nomination period. With that assistance, we were able to post accurate and up-to-date listings of all candidates in each school division and district in the province . . . and that's just the beginning! Once nominations closed, the website was modified to indicate which candidates were acclaimed, and after October 22, election results will also be included. One of the most exciting aspects of this site is the opportunity it offers to electors to connect with candidates in their area. All candidates have been invited to provide their contact information—phone number, email address, website, or social media connections—which we have included as a way for voters to find out more about each candidate, and make informed decisions on election day. School divisions are encouraged to include a link to [www.manitobavotes.ca](http://www.manitobavotes.ca) on their own websites.



residential schools, and support the ongoing healing process of residential school survivors. [100 Years of Loss—The Residential School System in Canada](#), is an education program aimed at Canadian youth aged 11-18. This program is designed to support educators and administrators in raising awareness and teaching about the history and legacy of residential schools, and provide practical tools that can be implemented in classrooms.

## ABORIGINAL EDUCATION LEADERSHIP SERIES

The residential schools experience will also be a topic of discussion at our 2015 Aboriginal Education Leadership Series. This three-day institute (January 16, February 27, and April 24), which is being offered in conjunction with MASS, MASBO, and the Aboriginal Education Directorate, will explore aspects of Aboriginal history and heritage and the implications of these for leadership in Manitoba's public schools. Program and registration details are coming soon.



Aboriginal Education  
Leadership Institute

## TREATY EDUCATION EXPANDING

Earlier this week, the Manitoba government and the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba unveiled a province-wide roll-out plan for treaty education. The [Treaty Education Initiative](#) was first introduced as a pilot project for grades 5 to 6 in 2010. It expanded to grades K to 4 in 2012-2013 and grades 7 to 12 last year. Treaty education, which is structured as a [continuum](#) across all grade levels, has three primary goals:



- to increase the knowledge and understanding of the treaties and the treaty relationship among all students;
- to ensure students understand the impact of the treaties and the treaty relationship on the creation of Manitoba; and
- to build bridges between all peoples in order to strengthen our society and our prosperity.

## RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS RESOURCES

The [Legacy of Hope Foundation](#) (LHF) has also developed a curriculum, this one focussing on residential schools, which should be of interest to all Manitoba schools. LHF is a national Aboriginal charitable organization whose purposes are to raise awareness and understanding of the legacy of



## IMPROVING STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Applications are now being accepted for the Canadian Education Association's (CEA) [THE KEN SPENCER AWARD Ken Spencer Award](#), which recognizes efforts aimed at improving student engagement (and in particular, intellectual engagement) in Canadian public schools. [Applications](#) should feature a class or group of classes, a department, or a whole school that has undertaken a successful, sustainable and scalable initiative to deeply engage students in their learning. A jury will identify a short list of 15 projects that have expanded beyond a classroom to influence the life of the entire school, enhanced school success plans, and demonstrated the potential to be implemented systemically. From this list, seven winners will be chosen, and will receive cash prizes totalling \$15,000. The deadline to submit online applications is November 7, 2014. For inspiration, check out the stories behind the [15 2013-14 Ken Spencer Award finalists](#).



THE KEN SPENCER AWARD



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