

RISKY BUSINESS

Summer is drawing to a close, so it's time to start thinking about snow—or at least the Risk Management Department's newly updated [Planning Ski and Snowboarding Education Programs: A Reference Guide for Schools](#). This edition, which was updated in consultation with phys. ed. teachers, ski instructors and resort managers, divisional administrators, and insurance/risk professionals, includes greater detail about the early planning phase for trips, links to ski safety sites, and important contact information for those organizing such trips. Other risk management documents currently under revision include Risk Management at-a-Glance for Manitoba Schools, Safety Guidelines—Physical Activity in Manitoba Schools, and Swim Safe Programs—A Reference Guide for Schools. These will be rolled out in the coming weeks.



Risk management was also involved in the development of a newly-released government document, [School Area Traffic Safety Guidelines for Manitoba](#). We have linked to this document in the [school bus](#) and [student safety](#) sections of our website.

IN OTHER STUDENT SAFETY NEWS

[Food Allergy Canada](#) (formerly Anaphylaxis Canada) has developed a new, mobile friendly version of the online course "[Anaphylaxis in Schools: What Educators Need to Know.](#)" This free, bilingual course was developed in collaboration with the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology. The course is intended to help educators and other school personnel learn more about food allergies and the prevention, recognition and management of anaphylaxis.



IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL FOR TRUSTEES, TOO!

To help you manage your professional learning schedule in the upcoming months, we have once again published our annual [Learning Opportunities](#) calendar. This publication includes not only sessions offered by the Manitoba School Boards Association, but also those sponsored by other local, national, and even some international bodies. Where possible, we have included links to program and registration information. Additional sessions will be added to our [online calendar](#) as information becomes available, and they will be regularly featured in our [e-bulletins](#).



Learning Opportunities

2015-2016 Calendar of Events

ELECTION SEASON

The next Canadian federal election will be held on Monday, October 19, 2015, and while K-12 education is largely a provincial responsibility, decisions made at the federal level can and do impact the well-being of children in general, and their education in particular. So, we've collected links to each of the major federal political parties' websites, their party platforms, and media coverage of relevant party announcements in one convenient spot, on our [election page](#).



Just six months after the federal election, Manitobans will be heading to the polls again, to elect a new provincial government. Over the next few months, we'll be distributing resources to help school boards keep on top of and influence decisions that are important to kids and education. In the meantime, your provincial executive is working on your behalf, meeting with each of the provincial political parties in the next few weeks, to learn about their plans, and to share the priorities of Manitoba's school boards. For a schedule of [upcoming liaison meetings](#), check under Advocacy on our website.



CSBA CONGRESS 2016

The Canadian School Boards Association Congress 2016 and National Trustee Gathering on Aboriginal Education [website](#) will be launching within the next week or so, with details of the events' themes, some of our speakers, suggested "things to do" in and around Winnipeg, and information about booking accommodations at either [The Delta Hotel Winnipeg](#) (the main Congress site) or the nearby [Alt Hotel Winnipeg](#). **Hotel bookings will be accepted as soon as the site is live; all school divisions will receive advance notice of exactly when that is going to happen.** New information, including additional speakers and workshops, detailed schedules, and registration links will be added to the Congress website as they are finalized.



National Trustee Gathering on Aboriginal Education July 6 - 7, 2016 Winnipeg, Manitoba



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CSBA Congress 2016 Winnipeg, Manitoba July 7 - 9, 2016