

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

2009-2010 Calendar of Events

Get a head start on your planning for the upcoming year!

This calendar has been developed to provide you with a snapshot of conferences, workshops and other learning opportunities that will be of interest to school board members and administrators. Where possible, we have included preliminary program and registration information. Our on-line calendar always contains the most up-to-date details about these and other events, including links to registration information, so visit us often at www.mbschoolboards.ca.

YEAR - AT - A - GLANCE

2009

September - November (various dates)	Manitoba School Boards Association Fall Regional Meetings
October 1 and 2	What Would it Take? Focussing our resources to make a difference
October 16	Parliamentary Procedure for School Board Members
November 13	Issues in Rural and Aboriginal Education—Manitoba Education Research Network (MERN) Fall Forum
November 16 - 18	The Early Development Imperative—A Pan-Canadian Conference on Population Level Measurement of Children's Development
November 18	Manitoba Association of School Superintendents (MASS) Annual Fall Conference

2010

January (various dates)	Manitoba School Boards Association Winter Regional Meetings
January 29	Education for Social Justice: What Works and What Doesn't—Manitoba Education Research Network (MERN) Winter Forum
March 18 to 20	Manitoba School Boards Association Annual Convention
April 10 to 12	National School Boards Association Annual Conference
April 16	Teaching and Learning in the North—Manitoba Education Research Network (MERN) Spring Forum
June 2 to 4	Manitoba Association of School Business Officials (MASBO) AGM
July 7 - 9	Charting Our Course: Leadership in a Sea of Change—Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) 2010 Congress
August 18 - 20	Manitoba Association of School Superintendents (MASS) Summer Institute

What Would it Take?

Focussing our resources to make a difference — In this shared members' session sponsored by the Manitoba Association of School Superintendents, the Manitoba School Boards Association and the Manitoba Association of School Business Officials, divisional teams of trustees, superintendents and secretary-treasurers will focus their attention on questions relating to resource allocation in schools. This session features **Columbia University's Dr. Henry Levin**, who is Director of the National Center for the Study of Privatization in Education and Co-Director of the Center for Benefit-Cost Studies in Education. Date and location: **October 1 (evening) and 2**, Victoria Inn, Winnipeg.

Parliamentary Procedure for School Board Members

If you have attended the annual convention of the Manitoba School Boards Association in recent years, you'll recognize **Vera Chernecki** as the authority that helps smooth the path when it comes to elections and debate on resolutions. Vera is a Professional Registered Parliamentarian. As a parliamentarian well versed in the intricacies of Robert's Rules of Order, she uses her skills and knowledge to assist individuals and organizations in holding better meetings. In this session, she will be sharing her expertise with school board members from across Manitoba in a workshop designed specifically to meet their needs. Date and location: **October 16**, Holiday Inn Airport West, Winnipeg.



Vera Chernecki

The Early Development Imperative

A Pan-Canadian Conference on Population Level Measurement of

Children's Development — If you're looking for the **National Child Day Forum**, you've found it! For 2009, that annual event is taking the form of a three-day session dedicated to helping us better understand and address inequities in our children's development. This session will combine presentations from across the country on the latest research and community innovations in early childhood development with hands-on skill development in how to implement data collection and take action for change in your local area. Date and location: **November 16 to 18**, Delta Winnipeg Hotel.

Manitoba Education Resource Network (MERN) Forums

MERN is a collaborative effort on the part of Manitoba's five faculties of education and major education partners, including Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth. Each year, MERN sponsors a number of forums that allow Manitoba educators, educational researchers and policy makers to network as they share new ideas and research findings that can improve education at the school, division and provincial levels. For the upcoming year, MERN is planning three forums: **Issues in Rural and Aboriginal Education (November 13, Brandon University); Education for Social Justice: What Works and What Doesn't (January 29, University of Winnipeg); and Teaching and Learning in the North (April 16, University College of the North)**. There is no cost for these sessions, but advanced registration is required. You can register on-line at www.mern.ca.



The Manitoba School Boards Association 2010 Annual Convention will be held from **March 18 to 20** at the Delta Winnipeg Hotel. As always, this event will include a significant trustee education component. This year, the Convention Planning Committee will be building on last year's theme of **Making Every Future Count** by inviting school boards to share with delegates their successes in moving from awareness to action in creating opportunities and successful learning outcomes for all students. Full program and registration information will be sent to all board offices early in the New Year, and regular updates will be posted on the Manitoba School Boards Association website.



The Canadian School Boards Association 2010 Congress will be held from **July 7 to 9** in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. The theme is Charting Our Course: Leadership in a Sea of Change. Confirmed keynote presenters include **Lieutenant-General R. J. Hillier** and adventurer, outdoor educator and author **T. A. Loeffler**. Program details are being posted to the Newfoundland and Labrador School Boards Association website (www.schoolboardsnl.ca) as they become available. You can also book your Congress accommodations through this site.



The National [American] School Boards Association Annual Conference will be held in Chicago, Illinois from **April 10 to 12, 2010**. While many conference details are still being confirmed, we do know that general session speakers will include Emmy-winning broadcast journalist **Charlie Rose** and Grammy-winning jazz musician and arts education advocate, **Wynton Marsalis**. You can link to the conference website from the Manitoba School Boards Association's on-line calendar. Registration for the 2010 NSBA Annual Conference is now open; the housing registry for Conference delegates will open for business on October 7.

Don't overlook the opportunities offered by partner organizations . . .

Manitoba Association of School Superintendents (MASS) and Manitoba Association of School Business Officials (MASBO) events often include educational components that are of interest to school board members.

In the upcoming year, **MASS** will be holding its **Annual Fall Conference** on **November 18, 2009** and its **Summer Institute** from **August 18-20, 2010**. **MASBO** holds its next **AGM** from **June 2 to 4, 2010**.

Check these associations' websites for program details; follow the links from www.mbschoolboards.ca.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

From late September into early November, the **Manitoba School Boards Association** will be holding a round of **regional meetings** throughout the province. While these meetings will include a brief progress report on the Association's 2009-2010 strategic priorities, the bulk of the day will be dedicated to an inter-board exchange of ideas and issues. In addition to focussed discussions on student learning and achievement and community connections, each board has been asked to identify its own topics for regional discussions. The fall meetings will also include an update on collective bargaining by the Association's Labour Relations Department.

In January (or March, in the case of Region 4), the focus of these meetings will shift to regional and Association business: the budget and financial matters, potential convention resolutions, and nominations for each region's representative on the Manitoba School Boards Association Provincial Executive and (where required) the Universal Standards Trust Fund.

Dates and locations:

Region 1:	October 19, Victoria Inn, Brandon January 18, Elkhorn Resort
Region 2:	November 5, Carman Pentecostal Church, Carman January 21, Carman Pentecostal Church, Carman
Region 3:	October 23, Larters at St. Andrews Golf and Country Club January 22, Larters at St. Andrews Golf and Country Club
Region 4:	September 26, Frontier Collegiate, Cranberry Portage January 11 (teleconference) March 17, Delta Winnipeg Hotel (in conjunction with Convention)
Regions 5 & 6:	October 24, Canad Inns Polo Park, Winnipeg January 23, location TBA, Winnipeg

Agendas will be distributed prior to each of these meetings.

... and don't forget about on-line learning!

The Board Learning Centre consists of 13 modules that have been developed by school board associations from across Canada. Topics include:

- Board Authority and Autonomy
- Policy Role
- Accountability
- Community Engagement
- Advocacy

Each module will take about 20 minutes to complete, and will offer suggestions for further reading. To log on, click on the Board Learning Centre logo on the Manitoba School Boards Association website. If prompted for a user name and password, enter "blc" and "C2003."

ON-LINE LEARNING