

# Fascinating Figures about

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the typical number of new cases referred each year to the Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Universal Standards Trust (MUST) Fund. The objective of the MUST Fund is to assist participating members by covering the legal costs (excluding damages) related to labour relations issues between school boards and their employees that are slated to go rights/interest arbitrations or to other judicial bodies.

46,103

the total number of user sessions on [MSBA's website](#) in 2020, with top site visits being our [k12careers.ca](#) and [localvoices.ca](#) information pages. With an additional 4,038 users on our [Twitter](#) account and over 72,000 people reached through our [Facebook](#) posts during the past month alone, information from MSBA remains in high demand. Throughout the year, be certain to check out our bi-weekly [e-bulletin](#) for the latest news and events affecting school boards.

546

the total number of financial transactions, representing over \$1 million in grants, that MSBA pays annually on behalf of the Child Nutrition Council to schools and other education providers province-wide for breakfast, lunch and dietary programs, so that students in need can rightly focus on learning during class-time.

18,323

the number of divisional employees and their families, active and retired, who subscribe to the joint extended health insurance and benefits program that is co-administered by MSBA with the Manitoba Teachers' Society. Our association also partners with members in offering important benefits through the joint dental (11,046 subscribers) and group life insurance plans (27,000 subscribers) as well.

30,000

the average number of kilometres travelled each year by the MSBA labour relations team, in order to provide hands-on direct support to members. This support includes addressing a multitude of human resource issues, contract administration, assistance with grievances, providing customized professional development, and/or conducting collective bargaining.

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the number of years that MSBA's Safe Grad program has served graduating high school students province-wide, ensuring a safe and harm-free rite of passage from high school to the world beyond! Combined with the Teens Against Distracted Driving Program (TADD) run jointly with Manitoba Public Insurance since 1986, MSBA serves to educate thousands of high school students every year on the importance of road safety.

# 120

the total number of collective agreements for which MSBA provides members with labour relations support, 97 of which MSBA serves members as chief spokesperson. With forthcoming passage of Bill 45, MSBA's anticipated role as employer bargaining agent will signify that while 37 teacher agreements will be consolidated into one provincial collective agreement, many support staff agreements shall remain.

# 5,872

the total number of trustees, senior staff and divisional employees, who choose travel insurance coverage under MSBA's Travel Accident Insurance Program.

# 500+

the number of registrants who attended MSBA hosted in-person and online professional development events last year, including MSBA's annual convention and AGM and Fall PD Day. Additional customized workshops were presented to members and online training resources were viewed 100s of times by trustees and members of the public seeking good information on school governance. MSBA's Education and Communications Services team stands at the ready to provide hands-on support and service to all members in all matters of board governance, professional and policy development, and strategic planning.

# 5,100,000

the total annual dollar amount that school divisions have paid to support ongoing claims and fees through the MSBA administered loss pool under the Manitoba Schools Insurance Program. The MSIP also protects members through individual claims liability insurance for all incidents relating to persons and property, at bulk purchase rates that significantly lower costs for our members. Annual site inspections and risk management updates help to ensure safe school environments for all students, staff and community members.

# 11,449

the total number of members enrolled in MSBA's defined contribution pension plan for non-teaching employees, which has served 34 participating school divisions since 1974. MSBA's pension plan has helped save our members millions of dollars in retirement expenses and planning service and proved its reliance during this pandemic, with a strategy that continues to see substantial gains on the current asset balance of over \$775,000,000.

# 123

the total number of projects approved in 2019/20 under the Climate Action Incentive Fund. Advocated for by MSBA, CAIF has returned \$5.4 million in federal carbon pricing revenues to Manitoba school divisions for climate focused initiatives. This initiative represents the very first time that federal funding has flowed directly to school boards in Manitoba's 150 year history. All investments and projects will be complete as of March, 2021.

# 35,649

total number of texts sent by MSBA staff in support of COVID-19 pandemic response efforts and coordination since March, 2020. In addition to this total outreach and communication to keep students, staff and communities safe, MSBA staff invested 101,461 minutes on phone calls with stakeholders towards addressing COVID-19, while collectively investing hundreds of hours of time in developing guidelines and response initiatives, even while attending back to back weekly meetings of education stakeholders and partners, the Response Planning Team, and bi-weekly meetings of school board chairs and associations province- and nation-wide.