



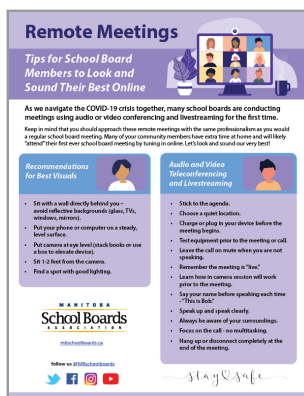
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NEW GOVERNANCE RESOURCES

In light of current restrictions on the size of group gatherings and physical distancing requirements, many school boards are now meeting via remote means. We have made some changes and additions to our website, to assist boards in this process, and to help ensure that members of the public can access easily both livestreams and records of school board meetings.

- We have added a new [page](#) where people can link directly to school board minutes posted on divisional websites, or to the divisional homepage where notices of upcoming meetings are generally posted. We have also included a series of maps indicating the location of Manitoba's 37 school divisions, for anyone uncertain about the school division in which they reside.
- We have produced a [tip sheet](#) for those participating in school board meetings via electronic means, to help them ensure that they look and sound their best, and that meetings are conducted in a professional manner.
- A new short [video](#) provides some tips on governing during a time of pandemic. It covers important topics such as setting priorities, being adaptable and flexible, ensuring communications are factual and clear, maintaining confidentiality, and adhering to legal requirements.



- HUB International has added COVID-19 [information](#) to the MSI site, as well as a more general COVID-19 [Resource Centre](#) which includes links to useful resources, such as webinars on nurturing a virtual culture and cyber-risks—protecting your remote business.

For the most up-to-date information about COVID-19 in Manitoba, including current statistics, public health orders, government news releases, and archived news conference, visit the provincial government's dedicated [COVID-19 page](#). For a national perspective, as well as general information about prevention, risks, symptoms and treatment, visit the Government of [Canada's Coronavirus Disease page](#).

REPORT SCHOOL VANDALISM

With fewer people in the vicinity of schools as a result of the indefinite suspension of in-class instruction, the possibility of acts of vandalism targeting those buildings is increased. For that reason, we have now activated our usual summer stop school vandalism program. To report suspicious activity on school grounds between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., or to report an act of school vandalism in Winnipeg, call 204-231-4556. This program will continue into the summer, unless the public health order is suspended before then and schools return to normal operations.



MARK DICKOF SCHOLARSHIP

The Mark Dickof Memorial Scholarship Award was established to recognize the important role of mental health leadership and advocacy among youths aged 14 to 18 in Manitoba. Instituted by Winnipeg City Councillor Brian Mayes, in partnership with the Manitoba School Boards Association and the Canadian Mental Health Association (Manitoba Chapter), the award is presented annually to a student or team of students in the public education system in each of two general categories: urban (Winnipeg) and rural/northern. The winner in each category receives a \$250 prize.



Links to the application package, available in both English and French, can be found on our [awards page](#). Given the emergence of social distancing requirements related to COVID-19, this year's recipients will be invited to a virtual online presentation ceremony with Councillor Mayes, as well as representatives of the Manitoba School Boards Association and Canadian Mental Health Association (Manitoba Chapter).

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with recommendations from Alberta's Chief Medical Officer, the 2020 National Trustees Gathering on Indigenous Education and CSBA's 2020 Congress have been cancelled. These events were set to take place in Banff in early July.

