

CONVENTION COUNTDOWN

With only two weeks until convention, now's a great time to visit our [convention page](#) for up-to-date and last minute information you need. The [2019 Resolutions and Special Business](#) booklet includes the text of all resolutions that will be considered by the membership on Friday, March 15, as well as related information such as the rules of procedure. A one-page flyer lists nominations for provincial executive office received to date, and in the next few days, we will be adding candidate-submitted profiles and information on the election process.

We are also in the process of finalizing the last few program details, such as workshop room assignments. Once we have all the necessary information, we will be posting a detailed convention program to our website. But because we know that no program is every really final, we will also be including an even more up-to-date version in delegate kits.



*Leadership, Service and Advocacy:
Local Voices, Local Choices*

Convention 2019, March 14 - 15, Delta Winnipeg, 350 St. Mary Avenue

NEW DAY, NEW TIME

We are pleased to confirm that the annual meeting of school board chairs with the Minister of Education and Training will once again take place in conjunction with convention. That meeting has been scheduled for 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 15, in the Assiniboia B room on the concourse level of the Delta Hotel. School boards were given an opportunity to suggest questions to be posed to the Minister during this session; those have now been collated and forwarded to his office. As always, attendance at this meeting will be restricted to school board chairs or their designates.

#THISISLOCALCHOICE

If you haven't already done so, visit one of the association's social media feeds—Twitter, Instagram, or Facebook—and check out what local voices, local choices means in communities across the province! Half of Manitoba's public school boards have already participated, by providing us with a brief statement about a program or service that is benefiting kids locally, thanks to a decision made by the school board to address a community need. On Twitter or Instagram, simply search #ThisIsLocalChoice. And if your board hasn't submitted anything yet, it's not too late. Simply email Director of Education and Communication Services [Heather Demetrio](#) for the guidelines, and let everyone know what local choice looks like in your community.

K-12 EDUCATION REVIEW

We've launched a new [webpage](#) to bring you information related to the K-12 Education Review currently underway in Manitoba, in one convenient location. We've included an overview of the review and the Commission and its mandate, and a timeline of key dates, from the consultations that are currently underway through to the anticipated March 2020 release of the report. Most importantly, there is also a section on getting involved, which we would encourage you to share with your community. The website will be updated as new information becomes available, such as public consultation dates and links to online surveys.



YOUTH NUTRITION STUDY

FANS (Food and Nutrition Security for Manitoba Youth) is a youth nutrition and food security study being conducted out of the Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences at the University of Manitoba. Currently, 11 Manitoba school divisions are participating, but FANS is hoping to bring more on board. In the study, grade 9 students will be asked to complete a 30 minute online survey to collect data about what youth are eating and drinking, how nutrition is affecting health and educational outcomes, and who is going to school hungry or using food banks. Information collected will be compiled into a provincial report card, and participating divisions will receive a division-level summary of the findings. To participate, contact fans18@umanitoba.ca.

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DID YOU KNOW . . .

This week is International Fair Use/Dealing Week. To mark this occasion, the Copyright Consortium of the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC) has launched a social media campaign to raise awareness among the K-12 teaching community of the educational use of fair dealing. The focus of the campaign is the promotion of FairDealingDecisionTool.ca, a website that teachers are encouraged to use on a regular basis to determine whether their proposed use of copyrighted material falls within the fair dealing guidelines. To find out more, check out the hashtag #fairdealingworks on social media.



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