

## REGIONAL MEETINGS ZOOM ACCESS UPDATE

To simplify the regional meeting process during the convention and to ensure delegates enter the correct regional room, a separate meeting link has been set up.

Trustees and administrators will find their unique regional meeting Zoom link listed for their region in their digital delegate kit (emailed soon from your Secretary-Treasurer). Participants can join by either clicking on the link or signing in to their Zoom account and entering the meeting ID; no password is required. When your discussions are finished, you must leave the regional meeting and login once again through the MSBA meeting convention link.

We urge delegates to review beforehand the latest [Zoom How-To's Guide](#) as this will ensure an informative, interactive, and engaging on-line experience.

With just over two weeks until convention, now's a great time to visit our [convention page](#) for all the last minute information you'll need.

## BILL 45 PLENARY SESSION

With the first reading of Bill 45, *The Public Schools Amendment and Manitoba Teachers' Society Amendment Act*, MSBA has developed an overview of a recommended process should the bill be proclaimed as outlined. With this in mind, a plenary session has been added to the convention program to discuss the bill and to seek input from the membership regarding the recommendations by MSBA.

To ensure your board is informed and prepared to participate in the session, please take to the time to review the memo and video link sent out to Board Chairs and Secretary-Treasurers on February 22nd.

## INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP PANEL

Join trustees on March 11 from across the country for an interesting and informative virtual panel discussion with Indigenous leaders on building strategic relationships. Indigenous leaders will share how organizations and school boards can build authentic connections that support all students. For more information on this event organized by CSBA, please visit their [website](#).



## ADVOCACY NEWS

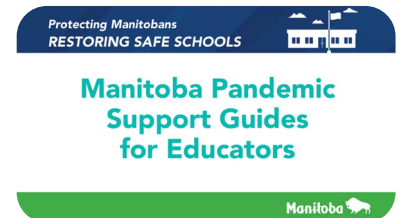
The Manitoba School Boards Association acts as an advocate for public education by speaking out on the issues that are important to school boards and the students they serve. The association fulfills this advocacy role in its dealings with other levels of government (provincial, federal and municipal), its educational partners, business and other organizations.

Did you know you can access the full list of Manitoba School Boards Association advocacy news [online](#), including links to articles, letters and other news? Check back often for the latest updates.



## MANITOBA PANDEMIC SUPPORT GUIDES FOR EDUCATORS

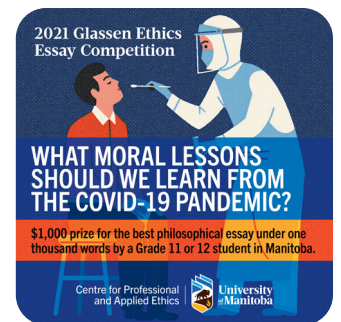
In partnership with the Manitoba School Boards Association, SAFE Work Manitoba, public health, and other stakeholders, Manitoba Education has developed a series of pandemic support guides for educators to keep our schools a safe place to work. This online resource is part of the [COVID-19 Education Plan](#) for educators that includes the latest updates and communications, supports for school staff, the COVID-19 dashboard for student and staff cases in schools, success stories and more.



## ESSAY COMPETITION

Each year, the University of Manitoba's Centre for Professional and Applied Ethics and the Department of Philosophy sponsor the [Glassen High School Ethics Essay Competition](#). The writer of the 1000 word winning essay receives a \$1,000 award. This year's theme is *What Moral Lessons Should We Learn from the COVID-19 Pandemic?*

The contest is open to all Grade 11 and Grade 12 students in Manitoba. Last year, over 100 students from across the province submitted essays. Deadline for submissions is April 30.



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