

## CONVENTION AWARDS UPDATE

The Provincial Executive has made the decision to pause the presentation of the 2022 Student Citizenship Awards. MSBA will be surveying the membership in 2022 to look at new ideas for a refreshed program. Watch for this survey and the return of these popular Awards in 2023!



A tradition that will still be an integral part of the 2022 program is the recognition of long-serving trustees and the presentation of the Presidents' Council Award. To download the forms, click [here](#). Deadline for nominations is Friday, February 4, 2022.

## BUDGET DISCUSSION TIPS

Budget discussions are about to or have already started. Has your board considered advertising the [myschoolboard.ca](http://myschoolboard.ca) page through its social media channels in advance of a virtual meeting? MSBA encourages all school boards in this budget season to promote general awareness of opportunities for citizens province-wide to access any such virtual meetings that might be taking place.



## NEW PROGRAM TO SUPPORT ELDERS & KNOWLEDGE KEEPERS IN SCHOOLS

A [new pilot project](#) launched by the Province of Manitoba is helping to bring Indigenous cultures, histories and values into Manitoba schools by engaging with elders and knowledge keepers.

Through the program, elders and knowledge keepers will provide mentorship on traditional teachings; support the development and delivery of teaching content; enhance the connection between families and schools; and provide support to help reduce anti-Indigenous bias and racism.

The pilot program will be offered at 33 schools in the following school divisions: Flin Flon, Fort La Bosse, Frontier, Hanover, Lord Selkirk, Mountain View, Pembina Trails, Portage la Prairie, Prairie Rose, St. James-Assiniboia, and the School District of Mystery Lake.

For additional information on Indigenous inclusion in education and the Elders and Knowledge Keepers in Schools Initiative, visit <https://edu.gov.mb.ca/iid/index.html>.

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## THE 2022 PRIME MINISTER'S AWARDS FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Nominations are open for the Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence in the following two categories:

### 1. The Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence

These awards honour outstanding and innovative elementary and secondary school teachers in all disciplines for their remarkable educational achievements and for their commitment to preparing their students for a digital and innovation-based economy.

### 2. The Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence in STEM

These awards recognize inspirational Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) teachers at the elementary or secondary school level who keep students engaged in STEM learning and who help develop the culture of innovation that Canada needs today, and in the future.

Take this opportunity to recognize an inspirational educator in your school division today! To learn more about the nomination process, visit the [awards website](#). Deadline to apply is February 8, 2022.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Now is the time to [nominate](#) an outstanding individual, a not-for-profit organization, a social enterprise or a socially responsible business who has made a significant contribution to improving the lives of others in their community through volunteering. Help them get the recognition they deserve.



[Canada's Volunteer Awards](#) is a federal recognition program under the Department of Employment and Social Development Canada that acknowledges the important contributions of Canadians through volunteering. The Awards are about people working in partnerships to find new solutions to strengthen our country. The nomination period is officially open and will run until March 4, 2022.

*This is the last e-bulletin of the year. Stay safe and be well. See you in 2022!*

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