

## PENDING AWARDS DEADLINE

The deadline for receipt of nominations for all association recognition and awards programs is this **Friday, February 5**. These include Student Citizenship Awards, the Presidents' Council Award, and long service trustee recognition. More information and the necessary forms to submit a nomination can be found [online](#). All awards will be showcased virtually during convention on March 19.



## CONVENTION TECHNOLOGY CHECK UP

We are less than two months away from our first virtual annual convention. Are you wondering about how the resolutions debate will take place? Or, how will the elections be handled? We've updated our [Zoom How-To's Guide](#) to answer these questions and more. This printable PDF covers Zoom regular features such as: changing your name display, the chat function, using Zoom's polling tool, and navigating breakout rooms.



Visit the [Zoom Help Center](#) for more in-depth information including quick start guides, video tutorials and more!

## INCLUSIVE EDUCATION MONTH

The Province of Manitoba has [proclaimed](#) February as *Inclusive Education Month* to raise awareness of the importance of the concept of inclusion and being an inclusive community.

The *Public Schools Act* supports Manitoba's philosophy of inclusion, which states:

*Inclusion is a way of thinking and acting that allows every individual to feel accepted, valued, and safe. An inclusive community consciously evolves to meet the changing needs of its members. Through recognition and support, an inclusive community provides meaningful involvement and equal access to the benefits of citizenship.*

In Manitoba, we embrace inclusion as a means of enhancing the well-being of every member of the community. By working together, we strengthen our capacity to provide the foundation for a richer future for all of us.

For more information on inclusive education in Manitoba schools, visit the Manitoba Education [website](#).



## REGISTER TO SPEAK TO BILL 64

MSBA is encouraging school boards to register to speak to Bill 64, The *Education Modernization Act* when the Bill is referred to committee by the legislature, following second reading of the Bill.

As second reading may take place at any time, it is important you register as soon as possible.

To do so, please contact the office of the Clerk of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly. You can call 204-945-3636 to indicate your intention to register to speak to Bill 64.

More detailed instructions for those who may wish to peruse these, are provided [online](#). Please reach out to MSBA Executive Director, [Josh Watt](#) if you require any support or assistance.



## SAVE THE DATE

The 16th Annual Aboriginal Education Research Forum – [Shawane Dagoziwin](#) will be held in collaboration with numerous partners whose goals are to revitalize, retain, and promote Aboriginal languages in Manitoba.



The virtual event will be held on May 12 and 13 and the conference theme for 2021 will be *Celebrating Indigenous Knowledges and Research through Our Collective Voices*. To learn more and to register visit the event [website](#).

## LOUIS RIEL DAY

Do you know the origin of this holiday's name? In 2008, Manitoba schools were invited to name our province's newest [holiday](#), and [114 responded](#) with suggestions that reflected Manitoba's citizenship, history, culture, arts, sports and significant individuals from our past.



Eleven schools submitted the winning entry and received \$1,000 grants to purchase materials for their school library. [Louis Riel Day](#) occurs on the third Monday of February in Manitoba, and in 2021 the holiday lands on February 15.

Louis Riel was a passionate Métis leader who had a dream of a civilized world that embraces all cultures. This Louis Riel Day, take some time to reflect and celebrate this dream.

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