

COUNTDOWN TO CONVENTION

The countdown to the 58th Annual Convention is on! While there is no cost again this year, you must register through your secretary-treasurer to participate.



We urge delegates to review beforehand the [Zoom How-To's Guide](#) as this will ensure an informative, interactive, and engaging online experience. Keep your eye on the [convention page](#) to view the most up-to-date [program](#). Candidate profiles will be added online in the coming weeks, and we will distribute delegate (digital) kits in early March. Stay tuned!



BUILDING CAPACITY FOR OUR FUTURE

As we approach school board elections on October 26, 2022 in Manitoba, the Association is launching a mentorship program to recruit and support a more diverse array of candidates to run for school trustee this year.



The goal is to see an increased representation of communities that have historically been underrepresented on school boards, including newcomer and Indigenous populations, among the candidates on 2022 ballots.

Further details will be released in the near future about how you can register to participate in the *Building Capacity for Our Future* program.



SAVE THE DATE!

The 27th annual National Congress on Rural Education will be a hybrid, in-person/virtual event held on March 27 and 28, 2022. The theme of the Congress is *Rural Education for a Sustainable Future*. The Congress will highlight global perspectives on rural and remote education and sustainability research, and engender exciting discussions between educators, school and system leaders, parents, community members, and researchers. To learn more about sessions speakers and register, please visit the University of Saskatchewan's [Congress website](#).

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH



February is Black History Month—a time to honour and celebrate the legacy of Black Canadians and their communities.

This year's theme is *February and Forever: Celebrating Black History today and every day*. Check out the [digital toolkit](#) to help Canadians, including partners and stakeholders, promote Black History Month content and activities.

Tune in to the Black History Month virtual celebration, hosted by the Government of Canada on Facebook Live at 7 pm (ET), February 17, 2022. This live virtual event highlighting this year's theme will feature performances, tributes, interviews and much more! Learn more [online](#).

Looking for a school presentation with a Manitoba perspective? Check out The Manitoba Museum's website for more information about their FREE Black History in Canada [Virtual Field Trip](#) on Zoom, on Wednesday, February 23.

MANITOBA INCLUSIVE EDUCATION MONTH

The Honourable Wayne Ewasko, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning has [proclaimed](#) February 2022 as *Manitoba Inclusive Education Month*. This proclamation affirms a commitment to fostering inclusion for all Manitobans.



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.

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

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