

CELEBRATING THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

To mark the conclusion of the 2020 school year, we are creating a short video to highlight some of the innovative ways schools and divisions are commemorating student milestones and transitions at a time when public health requirements have rendered many traditional practices impossible. This video will be similar in format to one we created to celebrate the efforts of school communities to ensure students' access to learning resources and nutritional hampers when in-class learning was suspended. You can view that video at <https://youtu.be/5eDaYZRFing>

In a memo distributed in today's divisional email, we asked board chairs and superintendents to consider providing us with photos from celebrations and observances in their schools, to help make this video truly provincial in scope. The types of images we are looking for include graduation ceremonies and grade transition observances, student award or recognition ceremonies, teacher car/bike parades or similar events designed to reach out to students, and anything else happening in schools to bring a sense of normalcy to the end of a school year that has been far from normal. Once complete, the video will be posted to our social media accounts, including Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube.



Photos or questions should be sent to Director of Education and Communication Services [Heather Demetrio](#).

FALL GENERAL AND REGIONAL MEETINGS

The date and time for our fall general meeting has now been confirmed—9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 21, 2020. Details will be finalized over the summer, but this will be a virtual meeting, with participants able to log in from home, or potentially in small groups from divisional board rooms.

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Regional meetings will also be held in the fall, although the precise scheduling and format of those meetings has not been finalized.

What we do know is that they will be held around the same time as the general meeting, and will most probably run consecutively, to allow executive officers and association senior staff to participate in all meetings.

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

Over the past week or so, the government of Manitoba has posted a number of school- and COVID-19-related resources to its website. These documents, which are available in both French and English, will help school divisions safely navigate the return of students and staff to school now and in the fall, and provide general guidance on a number of other key issues.

- [Limited Use of School Facilities](#) outlines general infection prevention measures, specific considerations for shared or common spaces, and options for consideration.
- [Graduation Ceremonies](#) provides guidance for schools considering modified graduation ceremonies, including details about the use of vehicles for drive up ceremonies and the use of washrooms at any event.
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) covers a wide range of questions specific to schools and education, including learning expectations, resources and supports, assessment and graduation, and mental health and well-being.

Additional resources have been distributed to school boards by this association. These include guidelines for the safe use of school buses, and a compilation of the many documents that have been provided over the past months, on topics ranging from the conduct of board meetings to employment issues to health and safety concerns.

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DEEP LEARNING THIS SUMMER

We have added a new resource to the trustee education section of our website that takes a dive into deep learning. Deep learning has been described as learning in action or learning that sticks with you for life. School boards can support deep learning by enabling the practices, infrastructure and mindsets that nurture it, and neutralizing or removing barriers to it. Find out more by exploring the links at [Deep Learning Explained](#).



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