

CONVENTION 2022 NEWS

The Manitoba School Boards Association's 58th Annual [Convention](#) will be held virtually as a one-day event on Friday, March 11, 2022. The theme selected is, "Strong today, Stronger tomorrow, Strongest together".

Although the convention will be scaled down next March, it will still retain the necessary components from our traditional, in-person event. Planning for this fast-paced and focused day is well underway. The program is being finalized, but the broad outline – start and end times, and the nature of the day's programming has been set. The details will be sent to member boards in the new year.



BUDGET DISCUSSION TIPS

Looking for a lift to your budget discussions; a way to add something new; a way to reach a new segment of your community? MSBA has a [communications tool](#)—a number of short videos to help 'Get Your Message Out'. The videos are adaptable to both your division and its budget discussions. If you're looking for a way to get people's attention or bring in someone new, look for the videos on "Key Messages" or "Elevator Speeches & Sound Bites".



COVID VACCINE FOR KIDS AGED FIVE-11

Manitoba has launched the COVID-19 [vaccine campaign for kids](#). To be eligible, children must be five at the time the appointment is booked. There are approximately 125,000 children in Manitoba in this age group.

The vaccine is offered through provincial and regional vaccine clinics, physicians' offices, pharmacies, urban Indigenous clinics and pop-up community clinics. Walk-ins will be an option at some locations and in-school vaccinations will be offered in the coming weeks, both during and after school hours.

Parents and caregivers can book appointments for children ages five to 11, either online or through the vaccine call centre at (toll-free) 1-844-626-8222 (1-844-MAN-VACC).

For more information, visit protectmb.ca.



OUTDOOR SKATING RINK SAFETY

The pandemic has rejuvenated interest in building outdoor ice rinks in Manitoba, and to ensure these rinks are safe, MSBA has created a bulletin regarding [risk management considerations for outdoor skating rinks](#). You will find information on surface conditions, flooding, ice thickness/conditions, rink boards, hazards, maintenance and more. The bulletin is available in [English](#) and [French](#) on the risk management [bulletins page](#) on our website.



ATTENTION TEACHERS!

[Media Smarts](#) is looking for Grade 9 to 12 classrooms to help test out their new resource: "My Voice is Louder Than Hate". It's an engaging multimedia platform that teaches students how to push back against online hate. Find out how to get involved on the Media Smarts [website](#).



CSBA ANNUAL REPORT

The CSBA Board of Directors is pleased to present the [2020-21 Annual Report](#). In this publication you will find reports and updates on the various initiatives and projects that CSBA is involved in. It also features updates from member associations across the country, including MSBA's update.



WAG CELEBRATES NEW STUDIO & MOU WITH MANITOBA EDUCATION

The Winnipeg Art Gallery (WAG) - Qaumajuq and the Manitoba Department of Education came together at the new WAG Studio to sign an official Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that renews a formal partnership in the delivery of programming for Manitoba youth.

The expanded learning spaces on the penthouse level of the WAG offer in-house and virtual programming that supports the Manitoba curriculum, as well as art-making classes for the wider public. Visit the WAG [website](#) to learn more!

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