

12 December 2022

**TO:** All School Board Chairs and Superintendents

**FROM:** Josh Watt, Executive Director

**RE:** Raffle Donations for 2023 Annual Convention

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I am very pleased to announce that the 2023 Annual Convention (March 16-17, 2023) will include the return of the very popular raffle traditionally held in conjunction with this event. Proceeds raised are donated to a children's charity whose services are available province-wide. The Convention Planning Committee has selected Newcomers Employment & Education Development Services ([N.E.E.D.S. Inc.](#)) to be the recipient of the monies raised in March 2023.



N.E.E.D.S. Inc. is a non-profit, charitable organization that provides accessible services and supports to immigrant and refugee children, youth and their families.

The continued success of this raffle is due entirely to the generosity of member school boards, students and staff, who have become more and more creative in terms of their donations. In the process, they have showcased the talents of hundreds of Manitoba students.

Donations received in the past have included:

- items created by students (artwork, metal work, or almost anything made out of wood);
- divisional Pride Wear; and
- items representing local areas (e.g. a picture of a local scene or a locally-produced quilt).

If you would like to donate a raffle prize, please advise our Event Manager, Riel Dion, by February 24, 2023. He may be reached by e-mail at [radion@eventcamp.ca](mailto:radion@eventcamp.ca). Donations are to be delivered on-site to the Delta Winnipeg at the start of the convention. Please ensure that items delivered to the hotel are clearly marked "MSBA Convention." ***To facilitate proper recognition of your generosity, please ensure that all donations include a tag with a description of the item, the school and division making the donation, the student's name (where applicable), and your divisional logo.***

The draw for prizes will be made at mid-day on Friday, March 17, with the winners announced over lunch.

Thank you for considering this request. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact either me or Riel Dion.

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