



Our **2025-2026 Learning Opportunities calendar** will help trustees and boards plan for the upcoming year. This calendar provides an overview of conferences, workshops and other learning opportunities that will be of interest to trustees and administrators. Where possible, we have included preliminary program and registration information, and links to relevant websites.

Our [on-line calendar](#) contains the most up-to-date details about these and other events, so visit our website often! And, don't forget to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Bluesky.

## 2025

September 20	Canadian Parents for French Manitoba Annual General Meeting, Winnipeg
October 25	Special Area Groups of Educators (SAGE) Day
October 17 – 19	Canadian Association of Communicators in Education (CACE) Annual Conference, Regina
October 27 – 29	National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE), Austin, Texas
October – November	Manitoba School Boards Association Fall Regional Meetings, various dates and locations
November 19 – 21	National Gathering for Indigenous Education, Convention Centre/Virtual, Winnipeg
November 24	Professional Development Day, Victoria Inn, Winnipeg

## 2026

March 13 – 15	Consortium of State School Boards Associations (COSSBA), Louisville, Kentucky
March 19 – 20	Manitoba School Boards Association Annual Convention, Delta Hotel, Winnipeg
April 2– 4	Think Indigenous Education Conference, Regina
April 10 – 12	National School Boards Association Annual Convention, San Antonio, Texas
April 26 – 28	Canadian Association for the Practical Study of Law in Education (CAPSLE), Montreal
Dates TBD	Aboriginal Education Research Forum, Winnipeg
July 5 - 8	National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education and Canadian School Boards Association Congress, Whistler
November 26 - 27	Manitoba School Boards Association Fall Regional Meetings and Professional Development, Delta Hotel, Winnipeg

# SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CONFERENCES

## MSBA Annual Convention

March 19 – 20, 2026

Delta Hotels by Marriott, Winnipeg

MSBA's Annual Convention will be held March 19 and 20 at the **Delta Hotels Winnipeg**. One day will be devoted exclusively to professional development, and one day will be dedicated to the business of the Association. The President's Banquet will be held on Thursday night (March 19). Presentation of recognition awards will be showcased throughout the program.

Watch for program details early in the New Year on the convention [webpage](#), in the e-bulletin, and in the weekly divisional mail.

## National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education and CSBA Congress

July 5 – 8, 2026

Whistler, BC

[BCSTA](#) will be hosting the 2026 NTGIE and CSBA Congress from July 5 - 8 in Whistler, BC. The event promises to be both informative and inspirational. The program will include renowned keynote speakers, engaging workshops, opportunities to connect with peers and time to explore all that Whistler has to offer. Watch the CSBA [website](#) for event details in the coming months.



For future planning, the National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education and CSBA Congress in July 2027 will be held in Saskatoon, and July 2028 in Montreal.

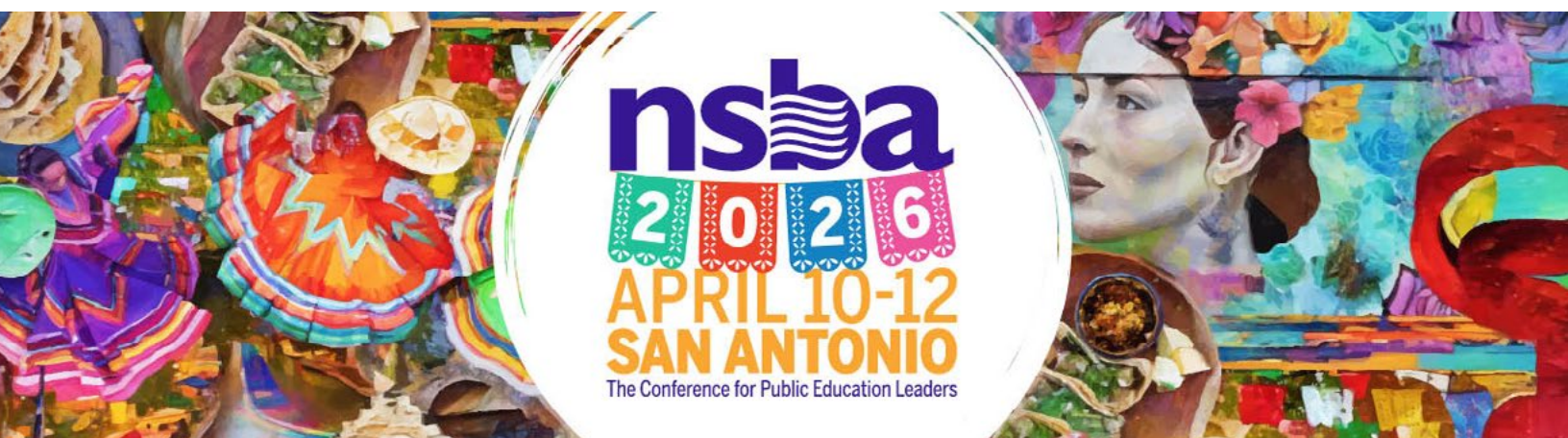
## National School Boards Association Annual Conference

April 10 – 12, 2026

San Antonio, Texas

This national event brings together education leaders from across the country, offering a unique opportunity to learn about best governance practices, gain insights into child development, and explore cutting-edge programs and technology to enrich student learning. Plan to join other trustees and administrators in Atlanta for an empowering experience of national school board leadership learning and networking with like-minded professionals.

General registration opened in August. For program, registration, and accommodation details, visit the conference [website](#).



## MSBA EVENTS AND RESOURCES

### Fall Regional Meetings October – November Various Locations

This year's Fall Regional Meetings will be hitting the road and coming to a town/location near you instead of hosting one large event in Winnipeg. The MSBA executive will be visiting each region on the following dates:

- **Region 1 - Saturday, October 18,**  
Victoria Inn and Convention Centre, Brandon
- **Region 2 - Saturday, October 25,**  
Crossroads United Pastoral Church, Carman
- **Region 3 - Saturday, November 8,**  
Larters Golf and Country Club, St. Andrews
- **Region 4 - Monday, October 20,**  
Kikiwak Inn, Opaskwayak/The Pas
- **Regions 5 & 6 - Saturday, November 1,**  
Wyndham Garden Airport, Winnipeg

A second call for nominations for positions on the provincial executive will be made at these meetings.

Mark your calendars! In 2026, MSBA will be hosting the Fall Regional Meetings and Professional Development at the Delta Hotel in Winnipeg from November 26 to 27.

### Fall Professional Development Day November 24, 2025 - Victoria Inn, Winnipeg

**Registration is open until October 10** for MSBA's Professional Development Day (PD Day). [The PD Day](#) will be a full-day session designed to support trustees in their governance role within Manitoba's K-12 public education system. Programming will focus on the key issues facing public education and will provide trustees with resources and strategies to make the final year of the current trustee term meaningful and impactful, as boards prepare for the 2026 elections. A detailed agenda, including session topics and speakers, will be distributed closer to the event.

## EXTERNAL CONFERENCES

### Canadian Parents for French, Manitoba Date: September 20, 2025 Location Norwood Hotel Winnipeg

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) is a national network of parents, educators, and volunteers who value French as an integral part of Canada.

CPF Manitoba believes in a Manitoba where French and English-speaking people live together in mutual respect with an understanding and appreciation of each other's language and culture, and where linguistic duality forms an integral part of society to support the vision of a bilingual Canada.

CPF-MB invites you to attend its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on September 20, at The Norwood Hotel in Winnipeg. The deadline to [register](#) is September 12.



**NOV 26-27, 2026**

**MSBA Fall Regional Meetings and  
Professional Development,  
Delta Hotel, Winnipeg**



## EXTERNAL CONFERENCES (CONTINUED)

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### **CACE-ACACÉ Conference** **October 17 – 19, 2025** **Hotel Saskatchewan, Regina**

The Canadian Association of Communicators in Education is looking forward to making a return to Regina, Saskatchewan for the 2025 National CACE Conference from October 17 to 19, 2025.



Each year, the National CACE Conference offers the best professional development for Canadian communicators in education. This year's conference will deliver a line-up of inspiring keynotes and breakout sessions in all facets of school communication, public relations, marketing and public engagement. Visit the convention [website](#) for program highlights and for information on hotel and travel. [Registration](#) is now open.

### **National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE)** **October 27– 29, 2025** **Austin, Texas**

NASBE's Annual Conference empowers state board members to leverage their role in the education. Attended by state board members from across the nation, along with leading experts, the NASBE Annual Conference is the only conference designed specifically for state board members.



NASBE's 2025 Annual Conference will be held in-person October 27-29, 2025, in Austin, Texas.

To learn more about this conference or to register, visit the [event website](#).

### **National Gathering for Indigenous Education** **November 19 – 21, 2025** **RBC Convention Centre/Virtual, Winnipeg**

The [National Gathering for Indigenous Education](#) is a one-of-a-kind venue where educators and partners can share their voices and work together to improve the educational outcomes of K-12 Indigenous students. This uniquely important annual conference attracts hundreds of educators and partners each year.

Back by popular demand, there will be a student panel discussion featuring three Indigenous students who will discuss their experiences in post-secondary educational settings.



The 2025 National Gathering will take place via a hybrid format, allowing educators from across the country to attend virtually or in person.

## EXTERNAL CONFERENCES (CONTINUED)

### Consortium of State School Boards Associations (COSSBA) National Conference

March 13 – 15, 2026

Louisville, Kentucky

The 2026 COSSBA National Conference, *Education Evolution – Transformative Leadership in Changing Times*, brings together visionary school board members, superintendents, district administrators, and education partners from across the United States for an unforgettable experience focused on impact and innovation.

This three-day [gathering](#) is designed to inspire and equip those who are leading public education through times of significant change.



### CAPSLE Conference

April 26 – 28, 2026

Montreal

[CAPSLE](#) is Canada's leading resource for learning, connecting, and growing in the field of education law.

CAPSLE's annual conference, typically held in cities around the country, invites its members to meet, network, and learn together in Canada's premier professional development opportunity for practitioners in the field of education law. With keynote speakers, panels, plenaries, and a wide array of breakout sessions, the annual CAPSLE conference is a highly anticipated event.



### Shawane Dagosiwin Aboriginal Education Forum

Dates: TBD 2026

Location: TBD

Shawane Dagosiwin is an Anishinabemowin word which captures the guiding principles of being respectful, caring, and passionate about Aboriginal research.

[The forum](#) will focus on knowledge, experiences, and relevant practices to research, and linking research to policy and actions.



**“SHAWANE DAGOSIWIN”**

### Think Indigenous Conference

Dates: April 2 – 4, 2026

Location: Regina, Saskatchewan

This conference aims to bring together Indigenous ally's, educators, health care professionals, elders, youth Indigenous people, and anyone working with or for Indigenous people. The event is a safe and inclusive conference with a dedication to decolonization.

Stay tuned for details on the event website: <https://www.thinkindigenous.ca/conference-info.html>



## SPECIAL EVENTS

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### **Manitoba Indigenous Youth Achievement Awards (MIYAA) Gala** **November 19, 2025** **Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre, Winnipeg**

The Annual Manitoba Indigenous Youth Achievement Awards Gala Dinner will be held on Wednesday evening, November 19, 2025 at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre.

These awards celebrate outstanding Indigenous youth who have received awards for achievement in a variety of fields from academics to traditional employment to entrepreneurship. Since the awards ceremony began in 1994, over 300 youth/individuals have received a Manitoba Indigenous Youth Achievement Award for their accomplishments. The MIYAA Planning Committee, who represents Indigenous organizations, local school division representatives and past MIYAA recipients, is very excited to host this year's event.



Tickets are on sale now. For more information visit the [MIYAA 2025](#) website.

### **Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba Stone Soup Week** **March 16 –22, 2026** **Various Locations**

Every year in March, the Stone Soup folktale is recreated as the Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba brings the community together to enjoy a warm bowl of soup, while raising funds and awareness for school meal programs across Manitoba.



Visit the CNCM's Stone Soup [webpage](#) to learn more and to view highlights from past years.



## RESOURCES

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### **Manitoba Association of Parliamentarians**

“Open the door to a world of more productive meetings!” by visiting the Manitoba Association of Parliamentarians [website](#) to learn about some of the supports MAP offers. These include in-person and e-workshops and study groups on a variety of meeting management topics. New members are welcome – from novices with no previous experience, to Professional Registered Parliamentarians.