MANITOBA School Boards ASSOCIATION

LEADERSHIP, ADVOCACY AND SERVICE FOR MANITOBA'S PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS

MEMORANDUM

To: Board Chairs, Superintendents, and Secretary-Treasurers
(and for further distribution to all trustees)

From: Alan Campbell, Executive Director
Date: November 4, 2026

Subject: Appointment of Interim President and Notice of By-Election at Fall General Meeting

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Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to re-issue formal notice regarding a decision of the Provincial Executive and to outline next steps in accordance with the Association's By-Laws.

1. **Interim President**

At its meeting held on Monday, June 1, 2026, the Provincial Executive appointed Leah Klassen to serve as Interim President of the Manitoba School Boards Association. Ms. Klassen will serve in this capacity through to the Fall General Meeting and Professional Development/New Trustee Orientation Day, to be held November 26–27, 2026 in Winnipeg. Hearty congratulations to Leah on this exciting opportunity!

2. **Presidential By-Election**

In order to implement Association By-Law 7(i) respecting the filling of Presidential vacancies, a by-election will need to be conducted at the 2026 Fall General Meeting. This by-election is intended to fill the remaining term of office of the President, through to the March 2027 Annual Convention.

Trustees interested in being considered for the role of President may be nominated through one of the following three methods:

i) **Board Nomination:**
A trustee may be nominated for office by their school board by way of a motion duly passed by that board and submitted in writing to the Association's Nominating Committee.

ii) **Nomination by Trustees:**
A trustee may be nominated by submitting, in writing, an expression of intent accompanied by the supporting signatures of five (5) trustees from member school boards.

iii) **Nomination from the Floor:**
A trustee may be nominated from the floor at the Fall General Meeting by a single trustee from a member school board, with the consent of the nominee.

We encourage you to seek/confirm nominations as you are able.

3. Vice-Presidential and Regional Director Vacancies – Provisional Nominations

In the event that the Presidential by-election results in a vacancy at the Vice-Presidential and/or Regional Director level, Provincial Executive wishes to be prepared and ready for any potential outcome.

To that end, the Association is therefore issuing a provisional call for nominations for all positions on Provincial Executive. To be clear, this means that the Association will accept provisional nominations for:

- Vice-President (6,000 + enrolments)
- Vice-President (<6,000 enrolments)
- Director for Regions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Nominations for the above positions will remain provisional only and no by-election shall be held for these positions unless one of the current incumbents is elected during the Presidential By-Election.

If one of the current Vice-Presidents is elected to serve as President, the Association will then be ready to convene an immediate by-election to fill the Vice-Presidential position. If any Regional Director position becomes vacant due to by-election(s) to be held during the Fall General Meeting, a by-election will be held to fill such vacant position. In the event that the Region 6 Director position becomes vacant, the Winnipeg School Board shall appoint one of its trustees to fill this role, in keeping with Association procedures.

Any positions elected via by-election are to fill the remaining term of office of the vacant position only. Regular elections to fill any necessary Provincial Executive positions (based on term of office) will be held at the March 2027 AGM & Convention.

4. Promotional materials

The Association shall establish a dedicated webpage and all nominees are welcome to submit promotional materials (written statement; biographical notes; and/or photograph) to Communications Officer Karen Harrington: kharrington@mbschoolboards.ca no later than 4:30 p.m. (Central Time) on 20 November 2026.

5. Subsequent calls for nominations / questions

In an effort to promote fairness for any newly elected trustees, the Association is redistributing this memo following the regular school board elections, so that newly elected trustees are aware of the opportunity to serve on Provincial Executive. There will be a third and final call for nominations on the floor of the General Meeting

Please share this information with trustees in your division to ensure awareness of this process.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Executive Assistant Andrea Kehler at akehler@mbschoolboards.ca and Andrea will direct your inquiry to appropriate Association staff.