

## READY FOR CONVENTION?

After two years apart, the convention planning committee and MSBA staff are looking forward to seeing everyone in-person at our annual convention!



Delegate kits were distributed in today's divisional mail, so take the time to check over the [online](#) program for the finalized schedule. Remember that the event will be paperless, so save a link to the digital agenda on your device for quick reference on-site. Also, a reminder that some of the workshop sessions will be held across the skywalk from the Delta Hotel at the RBC Convention Centre this year. We have included maps in your digital delegate kits for reference, and MSBA staff will be on-site to help you find your way. See you next week!

## MARK DICKOF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Mark Dickof Memorial Scholarship Award has been established to recognize the important role of mental health leadership and advocacy among youths aged 14 to 18 at the secondary school level in Manitoba, in terms of promoting action, awareness and greater sensitivity to / de-stigmatization of mental health and wellbeing, either within their school, local or provincial communities. Instituted by Winnipeg City Councillor Brian Mayes, in partnership with the Manitoba School Boards Association and the Canadian Mental Health Association (Manitoba Chapter), the award will be presented to a student or team of students in the public education system according to two general categories: urban (Winnipeg) and rural/northern, with each category qualifying for one (1) \$250.00 prize each year. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2023. For more information, visit our [website](#).

## STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL OPENINGS

The Manitoba government is now accepting applications from students between ages 14 and 18 to apply for the 2023-24 Student Advisory Council.

The Student Advisory Council reports directly to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning. The role of the council is to provide insights and advice on issues and topics that are current and emerging for kindergarten to Grade 12 students.

Council members for 2023-24 will serve a 12-month term starting in August 2023 and ending in August 2024. Current council members who continue to meet the eligibility criteria will be considered for a second term. The deadline for applications is March 31. For more information about the Student Advisory Council or to apply online, visit their [website](#).

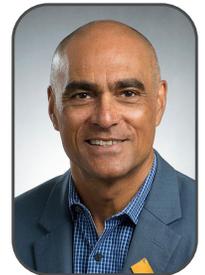


## ANTI-RACISM PD OPPORTUNITY

The Alberta School Boards Association invites trustees across Canada to participate in an upcoming professional development opportunity led by Dr. Jerome Cranston.

"Anti-Racism Education" is an initiative started by the Canadian School Boards Association to support school boards in building deeper understandings of equity, diversity and inclusion, with a particular focus on systemic racism. The session will address what boards might be able to do to make schools more equity-focused, racially-just institutions.

The session will be held virtually on May 1 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. MST. There is no cost to participate; please register in advance for this meeting [online](#).



Dr. Jerome Cranston

## VOICES OF YOUTH INDIGENOUS LEADERS

The Senate Committee on Indigenous Peoples is excited to launch [Voices of Youth Indigenous Leaders 2023](#) to spotlight the strengths of present-day First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities and their inspirational young leaders.



The theme of this year's event is Indigenous education. The committee wants to hear how Indigenous youth have experienced education in all forms, including public and private, traditional and non-traditional Indigenous education and/or post-secondary. Are you a young Indigenous leader who has broken glass ceilings within the education system? Do you have a vision for how education fosters leadership in First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities? Have you faced barriers while pursuing university degrees or completing high school diplomas? The committee wants to hear from you!

Indigenous youth leaders, aged 18 to 35, are invited to apply to to Voices of Youth Indigenous Leaders 2023 by submitting a short text (500 words), formally known as a "brief," that will inform the committee's work. Some participants will also be invited to attend an official committee meeting in Ottawa in June 2023 to highlight their leadership efforts.

[Send your submission](#) by end of day, Sunday, April 9, 2023.



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