

SKILLS CANADA COMPETITION

The countdown is on for the 2023 Skills Canada National Competition (SCNC), happening on May 25 and 26 at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg.



The SCNC is an ideal event for discovering new and exciting careers for tomorrow's workforce. It is the country's only national, multi-trade and technology competition for students and apprentices. Each year, more than 550 competitors from all regions of Canada come to SCNC to participate in over 40 skilled trade and technology competitions.

At SCNC, thousands of students visit the competition floor and discover the exciting and rewarding careers available in the skilled trades and technologies through interactive Try-A-Trade® and Technology activities by visiting exhibitor booths and engaging with industry professionals. For more information and to register a school to attend, visit the SCNC [website](#).

SPEAKING OF TRADES

In Manitoba, the High School Apprenticeship Program (HSAP) is a pathway for students in grades ten to twelve to explore an apprenticeable trade while completing their academic graduation requirements. It provides students with practical training and real-world experience while employers fill key roles and gain access to impactful support programs.



This program is an extension and enhancement of regular apprenticeship training while being an integration of school and the workplace. This means it provides students with high school credits that can be used towards continued apprenticeship training after high school graduation. Learn more [online](#).

MSBA NEEDS YOU!

MSBA is looking for a volunteer to fill one vacancy on the resolutions and policy committee. This committee is responsible for the association's policy development process and seeks to enhance the association's advocacy work on behalf of member school boards. If you are interested in volunteering for this committee or would like more information, please [email](#) MSBA Executive Assistant, Andrea Kehler.



SUMMER RISKS

Summer's almost here, and while the warmer days are welcome, their sometimes-companions—severe weather and increased school vandalism—are not. Check out the Risk Management Best Practices [Bulletin](#) on tornadoes, for some advice on preparing for and keeping safe during summer storms.



As well, our school vandalism prevention program is back again this summer. Residents living near schools in the Winnipeg area are encouraged



to keep an eye open for suspicious activity including graffiti, arson, on-site use of drugs or alcohol, and signs of break and enter. In July and August, incidents can be reported to a dedicated tip-line at **204-231-4556**. The Corps of Commissionaires security company will respond to calls, and a mobile security unit will visit the scene as quickly as possible.

UPDATES TO FRENCH IMMERSION POLICY

The Manitoba government recently shared the contents of the Department of Education's new French immersion [policy](#). The document outlines best practices and expectations for schools that provide bilingual programming to learners whose first language is not French.



Adjustments to the policy include changes to the allowable entry points into the program. Historically, elementary schools have only accepted new pupils into the French Immersion Program at one of three entry points: kindergarten/grade one (early), grade four (middle), or grades six/seven (late). The changes to the program will now allow students to enter French immersion at any grade level, with consideration to their personal motivation, family support, and bilingual abilities. To learn more about the new French immersion policy, visit the government [website](#).

CANADA DENTAL BENEFIT

Do you know any families with children under the age of twelve? They may be eligible to receive the Government of Canada's new interim Canada Dental Benefit to help lower dental costs. Learn more [online](#).



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