



Our **2023-2024 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 and Twitter.

2023

September to November	Manitoba School Boards Association and Manitoba Teachers' Society Workplace Safety & Health sessions, various locations
October 1	Canadian Parents for French Manitoba – Annual General Meeting, Winnipeg
October 3	Provincial General Election
October 20	Special Area Groups of Educators (SAGE) Day
October 10, 12, 17	Collective Bargaining & Governance Workshops
October 18	Collective Bargaining Workshop (Virtual)
October 25	Governance Workshop (Virtual)
October 27 – 29	Canadian Association of Communicators in Education Annual Conference, Montreal
November 15 – 17	National Gathering for Indigenous Education, Montreal
November 23 – 24	Manitoba School Board Association Fall General & Regional Meetings, Winnipeg

2024

March 21 – 22	Manitoba School Boards Association Annual Convention, Winnipeg
Dates TBD	National Congress on Rural Education, Saskatoon
April 6 – 8	National School Boards Association Annual Convention, New Orleans
April 28 – 30	Canadian Association for the Practical Study of Law in Education, Toronto
May 14 – 15	Aboriginal Education Research Forum
July 2 – 5	National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education and Canadian School Boards Association Congress, Toronto

PROVINCIAL ELECTION 2023

Trustees know that regardless of which party forms the next government, both long-standing and emerging issues must be properly and fully addressed to ensure success for all current and future students. MSBA has created a dedicated [election](#) page for school boards to use in their own pre-election advocacy efforts, including questions that can be used to initiate a dialogue with candidates about the important education issues that matter most to the children, youth and communities of Manitoba. Contact Communications Officer, [Karen Harrington](#) for more information on resources available.



ASSOCIATION EVENTS AND RESOURCES

Fundamentals of Collective Bargaining & Governance Workshops
October 10 – St. Andrews; October 12 – Brandon; October 17 – Carman
October 18 – Collective Bargaining (virtual); October 25 – Governance (virtual)

The Labour Relations Department is hosting three Fundamentals of Collective Bargaining workshops in October. These workshops will take participants step-by-step through the collective bargaining process, from start to finish and beyond. As well, strategies will be discussed in relation to the status of current negotiations.

Janis Arnold, Director of Governance and Professional Development Services, will lead a session on process and good governance practices (including parliamentary procedures) to round out the day. This topic will be of particular interest to board or committee chairs.

Both offerings will be available virtually on the dates listed above. Registration information for both the in-person and virtual sessions will be sent to boards later in September.

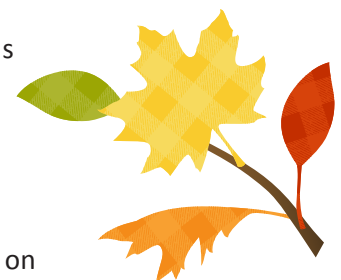
Safe Grad Seminar
November 18, 2023
Victoria Inn & Conference Centre, Winnipeg



This informative half-day [seminar](#) equips schools and graduation committees with pertinent information to plan and host an enjoyable and incident free graduation celebration. Presentations offered at the seminar include planning a Safe Grad, an overview of the committee's responsibilities under the *Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Authority of Manitoba's Control Act* and a review of the liability insurance coverage and application process required of every school hosting a Safe Grad celebration. Details will be sent to schools in the fall.

Fall General and Regional Meetings
November 23 & 24, 2023
Victoria Inn & Convention Centre, Winnipeg

Join us in late November for two days of learning, sharing, and Association business. Day one (Thursday, November 23) will open with a keynote address followed by roundtable discussions and summaries shared. Two workshop streams will be available in the afternoon. Topics include governing in divisive times, and risk management in governance, HR services, and communications and media relations. A full list with descriptions will be distributed in late October. No pre-selection of sessions is required; delegates will be able to choose on-site which session(s) to attend. Day two (Friday, November 24) will include the general meeting, regional meetings, and other items related to Association business. Online registration opens on October 3. Click on the link found on the [Fall General Meeting](#) 2023 webpage (password required) to register online.



Governance and Professional Development Services

As education leaders in their community and as advocates for public education, effective school boards are committed to ongoing professional development. The leadership provided by both a board and individual trustees has a direct effect on the school division, its students and staff and, ultimately, the communities it serves.

MSBA offers free workshops, webinars, and videos to build knowledge of good governance practices, and to further develop skills as ethical leaders, community advocates, inclusive policy makers, and strategic thinkers. On-line, self-directed learning resources are also available.

A new Division Dispatches series will be launched this fall. These short videos will shed light on ways member boards can contribute towards creating a DEI environment. See the sidebar for more details.

Working toward diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) on your board. Addressing obstacles and embracing the opportunities that will bolster decisions and actions. Whether a school board, a commercial enterprise, a large corporate board or a small volunteer group, most boards are making visible commitments to DEI. Statements are included in a vision and mission and there are strategic goals for administration. But when it comes to intra-board dynamics, practices and making plans, boards can do more to commit to real board-level DEI change.



Member boards are encouraged to take advantage of these free services available through MSBA. Contact [Janis Arnold](#), Director, Governance and Professional Development Services, for more information.

Also, keep an eye on the Trustee Education tab of the association's website or subscribe to the e-bulletin for more information on other events, new resources and learning opportunities throughout the year.

Risk Management Services

Sessions on playground safety and maintenance are offered upon request. A series of full-day sessions on workplace safety and health, held in conjunction with The Manitoba Teachers' Society, will be held throughout the province this fall. For more information on these sessions or other risk management services, contact [Darren Thomas](#) at the association office.

STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS/SPECIAL EVENTS/ CONFERENCES/RESOURCES

CACE-ACACÉ Conference
October 27 – 29, 2023
Montréal, PQ



[The Canadian Association of Communicators in Education](#) (CACE) is excited to bring the national conference back to the province of Quebec. The host venue will be [Hotel William Gray](#) in beautiful Old Montreal for three days of professional learning, development, and networking.

For more than 35 years, the national CACE Conference has offered the best professional development for Canadian communicators in education. With a theme focused on Evolution, this year's conference will deliver our members a conference full of inspiring keynotes and breakout sessions in all facets of school communication, public relations, marketing, and public engagement.

CACE is a national association of professionals committed to encouraging and enhancing excellence in communications in education. As a bilingual organization, it offers a national conference, webinars, virtual training, regional workshops, and networking opportunities for members across Canada. [Registration](#) is open.

National Gathering on Indigenous Education
November 15 – 17, 2023
Montréal, PQ



This year's [National Gathering for Indigenous Education](#) will take place via a hybrid format, allowing educators from across the country to attend virtually or in person. The 2023 National Gathering will also be presented in English and French.

The National Gathering 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 also be a student panel discussion featuring three Indigenous students who will discuss their experiences in post-secondary educational settings. [Registration](#) is open.

National Congress on Rural Education
Dates: TBD
Saskatoon, SK

The Congress highlights global perspectives on rural and remote education and sustainability research, and encourages discussions between educators, school and system leaders, parents, community members, and researchers.

The dates for the 2024 Congress will be announced early in the new year.

Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba
Stone Soup Week
March 11 – 17, 2024



The [Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba](#) is a charitable organization dedicated to helping school children learn, grow, and succeed by supporting school meal and snack programs.

[Stone Soup Week](#) brings together restaurants from across Manitoba to create a signature soup to sell during the week of this annual fundraiser. More details can be found on the CNCM's website.

CAPSLE Conference
Dates: April 28 – 30, 2024
Toronto, ON



[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
May 15 – 16, 2024
Victoria Inn & Conference Centre, Winnipeg



“SHAWANE DAGOSIWIN”

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. The program includes keynote speakers, plenary sessions and workshops, and cultural celebrations.

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.



SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CONFERENCES

MSBA Annual Convention
March 21 & 22, 2024
Victoria Inn & Conference Centre, Winnipeg

The Manitoba School Boards Association’s Annual Convention will be held March 21 and 22 at the Victoria Inn & Conference Centre in Winnipeg. One day will be devoted exclusively to professional development, and one day will be dedicated to the business of the Association. Presentation of recognition awards will be showcased throughout the program.

Two notable changes for 2024: the convention will be held at the Victoria Inn and Conference Centre and the President’s Banquet will be held on Thursday, March 21. Watch for program details later this fall on the Association website, in the e-bulletin, and in the weekly divisional mail.

National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education and CSBA Congress
July 2 – 5, 2024
Toronto, ON

The National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education and the CSBA Congress will be held July 2 – 5 in Toronto. Over the next few months, the 2024 CSBA Congress [website](#) will be updated with program and registration information, which will also be included in our weekly e-bulletin.



In 2025, the NTGIE and CSBA Congress will be coming to Winnipeg! MSBA last hosted this event in 2016 so we look forward to welcoming delegates from across Canada to Manitoba in early July of 2025.

National School Boards Association Annual Conference
April 6 – 8, 2024
New Orleans, LA



The National [American] School Boards Association Annual Conference will be held in New Orleans, April 6 – 8, 2024. General registration will open in early September. For program, registration, and accommodation details, visit the conference [website](#).

OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Manitoba Teachers' Society (MTS), Manitoba Association of School Superintendents (MASS) and Manitoba Association of School Business Officials (MASBO) events often include educational components that will be of interest to school board members. Check for upcoming events by visiting our partner organization websites by following the links from our website.