

PROVINCIAL ELECTION 2023

Trustees know that regardless of which party forms the next government on October 3, 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.



2023-2024 LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Our 2023-2024 Learning Opportunities calendar is now available [online](#). This calendar will help trustees and boards plan for the upcoming year.

It 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. Check it out!



FALL GENERAL MEETING

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.



UPCOMING MSBA WORKSHOPS

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 also be available in-person and virtually. Watch divisional mail in September for registration information and check out the Learning Opportunities [calendar](#) for locations and dates.

NEW! ONLINE MEMBERSHIP FORMS

The 2023-24 Manitoba School Boards Association membership form can now be completed [online](#). As in the past, it is to be completed *after your inaugural meeting*. The form can be found on the [members page](#) of the MSBA website, no password is required. If you have any questions regarding the new process, please contact Administrative Assistant, [Jennifer Esau](#).

ORANGE SHIRT DAY #OSD10FOR10

September 30, 2023, marks the 10th anniversary of Orange Shirt Day (OSD). How will you honour residential school survivors during this significant moment in history?

[Digital Human Library](#) (DHL), together with the [International Indigenous Speakers Bureau](#) (IISB) invite people worldwide to listen and learn from Phyllis Webstad's Orange Shirt story during IISB's [#OSD10for10 Campaign](#). The campaign aims to have 10% of households view and listen to how Orange Shirt Day came to be.

School divisions interested in participating can honour residential school survivors by making Phyllis Webstad's story and residential school survivor Joseph Naytowhow's story available for all staff and students. Contact [Trevor Hammer](#) at DHL for licensing information. 100% of the proceeds from the campaign go to Indigenous organizations supporting residential school survivors and communities.

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