

NEW DIVISION DISPATCHES SERIES

Whether a school board, a commercial enterprise, a large corporate board or a small volunteer group, most boards are making visible commitments to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. 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. Stay tuned and subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#), as new videos will be released monthly. Check out the [first video](#) of this new series, posted on November 1, called DEI - Member Commitment.



WEBINAR RECORDINGS

MSBA's Labour Relations Department hosted workshops in October, which took participants step-by-step through the collective bargaining process, from start to finish and beyond. In addition, strategies were discussed in relation to the status of current negotiations. If you missed the virtual session held on October 18, and would like to check it out, please [email](#) Heather Hallatt to receive a link for the video and a copy of the resources shared with participants.

On October 25, Janis Arnold, Director of Governance and Professional Development Services for MSBA, led a session on the process and good governance practices (including parliamentary procedures). This topic will be of particular interest to the board or committee chairs. If you missed the session, you can now view it [online](#).



MANITOBA EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING NEWSLETTER

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning is pleased to announce that the Fall 2023 departmental [newsletter](#) is now available on the department website under the new [Sector Communications](#) section. Kindly share the link among your colleagues and within your respective organizations.

The newsletter provides Education and Early Childhood Learning partners with access to information about departmental initiatives and leadership updates, and highlights some upcoming plans/important dates.

This edition of the departmental newsletter includes an introduction from Minister Nello Altomare. Some of the other highlights include information about the upcoming Mamàhtawisiwin symposium, the Funding Model Review, the Early Childhood Educator Workforce Strategy, and the Canada-Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care Action Plan.

EDUCATION MINISTER'S MANDATE

Premier Wab Kinew's [mandate letter](#) written to Manitoba's new Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, Nello Altomare, has been released. The mandate includes establishing a universally accessible nutrition program available to every public school in Manitoba, providing stable, predictable funding to public school divisions that keeps up with enrollment and student needs, hiring more teachers and EAs to make sure children across Manitoba can reach their full potential, and much more. We look forward to working with Minister Altomare alongside our education partners as the government works towards fulfilling its mandate.

NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL

Kids Help Phone is now accepting applications for their 2024 National Youth Council! The Council is made up of a diverse group of youth ages 14-24 from across Canada who are passionate about mental health and well-being. To learn more about the Council and to apply, visit the [website](#).



FIRST PAGE STUDENT WRITING CONTEST

CBC Book's First Page student writing challenge is returning in 2024! The national writing competition is for Grades 7 to 12 students in Canada. Students are invited to write the first page of a novel, imagining how present-day issues and trends have played out 150 years in the future.



The 2024 challenge will be open for submissions starting in February 2024. For a list of previous judges, contest winners and to learn more, visit the CBC Books [website](#).

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