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LEADERSHIP, ADVOCACY AND SERVICE FOR MANITOBA'S PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS

December 6, 2023

**TO:** All School Board Chairs / Superintendents

**FROM:** Janis Arnold, Director  
Governance and Professional Development Services

**RE:** Raffle Donations for 2024 Annual Convention

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The Convention Planning Committee has confirmed that Newcomers Employment & Education Development Services ([N.E.E.D.S. Inc.](#)) is to be the recipient of the monies raised in March 2024. This is the second year of a two-year understanding in which a charity that serves the needs of children province-wide is to receive the proceeds from the tickets sold.



N.E.E.D.S. Inc. is a non-profit, charitable organization that provides accessible services and supports to immigrant and refugee children, youth and their families.

The continued success of this raffle is due entirely to the generosity of member school boards, students and staff, who have become more and more creative in terms of their donations. Over the years, the items received have showcased the talents of hundreds of Manitoba students.

Donations received in the past have included:

- items created by students (artwork, metal work, or almost anything made out of wood);
- divisional logo'd merchandise; and
- items representing local areas (e.g. a picture of a local scene or a locally-produced quilt).

It is preferred that donations be hand delivered onsite to MSBA's event planner, Riel Dion, on Thursday, March 21. However, donations can be also delivered to the Victoria Inn and Conference Centre (1808 Wellington Avenue) up to two days before the start of the convention. Please ensure that items delivered to the hotel are clearly marked "MSBA Convention." ***To facilitate proper recognition of your generosity, please ensure that all donations include a tag with a description of the item, the school and division making the donation, the student's name (where applicable), and your divisional logo.***

The draw for prizes will be made mid-morning on Friday, March 22, with the winners announced over lunch.

Thank you for considering this request. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact either me or [Riel Dion](#).

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