

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!

[Online](#) registration is now open for MSBA's 2024 Annual Convention. A full [program](#), including workshop descriptions and a description of the keynote speaker's address, was distributed to member boards in last week's divisional mail. Contact your secretary-treasurer's office to register.



Digital delegate kits will be distributed closer to the event and all materials will be posted online. For the latest convention news and updates, visit our dedicated convention [webpage](#).

FUNDING OF SCHOOLS 2024/2025

At the education funding [announcement](#), held on February 1st, the Manitoba government shared that it is supporting student needs by increasing operating funding for kindergarten to Grade 12 public schools by 3.4 per cent. The total funding increase for 2024-25 is \$104.2 million, which includes:

- \$51.5 million in operating costs for public schools, which includes \$6.2 million for in-year enrolment increases;
- \$3 million toward smaller class sizes;
- \$27.5 million for nutrition programming, which builds on the 2023-24 current funding for a total of \$30 million;
- \$11.3 million for capital support, which includes principal and interest costs related to building schools; and
- \$10.9 million to independent schools as per their funding agreement.

These increases bring the total investment in public schools for the 2024-25 school year to \$1.74 billion and address growing enrolment and supports classroom needs.

For 2024-25, higher levels of funding is allocated to divisions with high enrolment growth and divisions with a smaller tax base to enable students across the province to receive the supports they need.

For the 2024-25 school year, the province is investing in new initiatives for students, which includes \$30 million to expand nutrition programming in schools to ensure nutrition supports are available in all schools for students who need it, and \$3 million to allow our youngest learners to get the attention and support they need by reducing class sizes.

The Funding of Schools 2024-25 School Year [document](#) provides details on how this year's funding has been allocated for school divisions.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE - LG AWARD

Do you know someone who should be recognized for exceptional leadership contribution to the public sector in Manitoba? Would you like to recognize a colleague working at any level in the public administration landscape (municipal, federal and provincial governments, academic institutions, not-for-profit organizations, etc.) who has advanced the public sector through hard work, dedication and creativity? The Manitoba Region of the Institute for Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) asks you to submit that person's name for the 2024 Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Administration in Manitoba. The nomination deadline is March 1, 2024. Visit the award [website](#) for more information.



INCLUSIVE EDUCATION MONTH

The Province of Manitoba has proclaimed February as *Inclusive Education Month* to raise awareness of the importance of the concept of inclusion and being an inclusive community.



In Manitoba, we embrace inclusion as a means of enhancing the well-being of every member of the community. By working together, we strengthen our capacity to provide the foundation for a richer future for all of us.

For more information on inclusive education in Manitoba schools, visit the Manitoba Education [website](#).

MANITOBA ACCESSIBILITY FUND

Applications for the Manitoba Accessibility Fund are now open. Grants of up to \$50,000 are available to municipalities, organizations and businesses in Manitoba to remove barriers, create awareness and support compliance with the Accessibility for Manitobans Act and its standards. Learn more on the Manitoba Accessibility Office [website](#) and apply by February 16, 2024.



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