



# Connection Collaboration Celebration



61st Annual Convention  
March 20 – 21, 2025 Delta Hotels, Winnipeg



# ***2025 RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS***



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Manitoba School Boards Association  
**61<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention**  
**March 20 & 21, 2025**  
Delta Hotel, Winnipeg

**THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025**

8:30 a.m.      **Call to Order**

Land Acknowledgement – **Sandy Nemeth**, President  
Opening Blessing – **Nicole Chaske**, Canupawakpa Dakota Nation  
O Canada – **Isaak Brock School's Cree Program**, Winnipeg S.D.

**Final Call for Nominations – Floyd Martens**, Chair of the Nominating Committee

The following positions were declared acclaimed:

President - **Alan Campbell**, Interlake S.D.  
Director, Region 2 – **Ashley Lachance**, Prairie Rose S.D.  
Director, Region 4 – **Henk Warnar**, School District of Mystery Lake

Elections to be held for Vice-President (<6,000): Candidates: **Crystal Erickson**, Rolling River S.D., **Leah Klassen**, Garden Valley S.D. and Director Region 5: Candidates: **Maria Santos**, **Seven Oaks S.D.**, **Cheryl Smukowich**, **St. James-Assiniboia S.D.**

9:00 a.m.      **Keynote Address: Cassie Campbell-Pascal**

10:30 a.m.      **Concurrent Workshops: A**

- The Role of Trustees in Fostering Safe and Healthy Work and Learning Environments, Kathleen Lane
- Risky Business: Navigating AI Risks and Governance, Andrew K Behnke
- Climate Leadership in Manitoba School Boards, Heather Eckton & Will Burton
- Building Capacity for our Future, Josh Watt & Jodie Taylor

11:45 a.m.      **Lunch**

1:00 p.m.      **Concurrent Workshops: B**

- The Role of Trustees in Fostering Safe and Healthy Work and Learning Environments, Kathleen Lane
- Risky Business: Navigating AI Risks and Governance, Andrew K Behnke
- Climate Leadership in Manitoba School Boards, Heather Eckton & Will Burton
- Building Capacity for our Future, Josh Watt & Jodie Taylor

- 2:15 p.m.     **Roundtable Discussions**
- Borderland, DSFM (R2), Prairie Rose, Hanover, Seine River, Seven Oaks, Beautiful Plains, Swan Valley, Park West, Kelsey
  - Red River Valley, Pine Creek, Lord Selkirk, Evergreen, St. James-Assiniboia, Pembina Trails, DSFM (R5), Mountain View, Rolling River, Frontier
  - Garden Valley, Prairie Spirit, Sunrise, Interlake, Louis Riel, Fort La Bosse, Brandon, Turtle Mountain, Flin Flon
  - Portage La Prairie, Western, DSFM R3) Lakeshore, Whiteshell, River East Transcona, Turtle River, Southwest Horizon, Mystery Lake, Winnipeg
- 3:45 p.m.     **Bureau de l'éducation française (BEF)** – Recruitment and Retention of French speaking teachers
- 4:00 p.m.     **Board Chairs Meeting** with the *Hon. Tracy Schmidt*, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning
- 5:15 p.m.     **President's Reception Opens**
- 6:00 p.m.     **Procession of VIPs** into Grand Ballroom
- 6:10 p.m.     **President's Banquet**
- Introduction of Special Guests – *Sandy Nemeth***
- Shared Reflection – *Penny Helgason, Evergreen S.D.***
- Meal Service
- Award and Recognition Presentations**
- Retiring Executive Awards:
- Charlene Gulak, Mountain View S.D. (2022-2024)
  - Angela Dunn, St. James-Assiniboia S.D. (2023-2024)
- Long Service Awards Presentation :
- 12 year recipients
    - Diedrich Toews, Pine Creek S.D.
    - Allan Downey, Southwest Horizon S.D.
  - 30 year recipient
    - Linda Ross, Brandon S.D.
- CancerCare Foundation of Manitoba – *Sharon Loewen*, expressed gratitude for having been selected as the charity of choice for the raffle donations.
- Entertainment by: **Big City All Star Band**
- 10:00 p.m.    Evening Concludes

## FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 8:30 a.m. **Call to Order – Leah Klassen**, Chair of the Convention Committee  
Land Acknowledgement  
O Canada – **Maples Collegiate Jazz Choir**, led by **Cynthia Payson Wahl**, *Seven Oaks S.D.*
- 8:45 a.m. **President’s Address – Sandy Nemeth**, *MSBA President*
- 8:55 a.m. **CSBA President’s Address – Alan Campbell**, *CSBA President*
- 9:05 a.m. **Executive Director’s Address – Josh Watt**, *MSBA Executive Director*
- 9:15 a.m. **Commissioner Teacher Professional Conduct – Bobbi Taillefer**, *Commissioner*
- 9:30 a.m. Elections, Provincial Executive – **Floyd Martens**, *Chair of Nominations*
- President**  
Acceptance speech delivered by President **Alan Campbell**, *Interlake S.D.*
- Vice-President** (fewer than 6,000 students)  
Candidates **Crystal Erickson**, *Rolling River S.D.* and **Leah Klassen**, *Garden Valley S.D.* addressed the assembly in the order in which they were nominated. Question and answer session followed by a ballot vote.
- 10:45 a.m. Elections Results announced. Vice-President (fewer than 6,000 students), **Leah Klassen**, *Garden Valley S.D.* was the successful candidate and delivered an acceptance speech.
- 11:00 a.m. **Regional Meetings/Elections**
- Reginal issues were discussed in regions that were not conducting elections.
- Region 5**  
**Maria Santos**, *Seven Oaks S.D.* and **Cheryl Smukowich**, *St. James-Assiniboia S.D.* addressed delegates from their region, followed by a Q & A session. A ballot vote was conducted and **Cheryl Smukowich** was declared the winner. An acceptance speech was delivered by the successful candidate.
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch** (raffle draws conducted and names of winners announced) **CancerCare Manitoba Foundation** was MSBA’s charity of choice to receive all proceeds from the annual raffle (\$2440 raised).
- 12:10 p.m. **2025-2026 New Provincial Executive Meeting**
- 1:00 p.m. **Resolutions Debate** begins  
**Linda Ross**, *Chair*; **David Gray**, *Registered Parliamentarian*
- 4:02 p.m. Adjournment – **Sandy Nemeth and Linda Ross**

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| <p><b>Disposition of<br/>2025 MSBA Convention Resolutions and Special Business</b></p> |
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## NOTICE OF MOTION

The Chair of the MSBA Resolutions and Policy Committee shall move or cause to be moved a motion regarding adoption of the Rules of Procedure for the resolution process, as follows, at the MSBA Annual General Meeting:

## RULES OF PROCEDURE

CAMPBELL (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/MARTENS (Resolutions and Policy Committee).....CARRIED

### PROCESS

1. All resolution proceedings shall be governed by these rules of procedure, the *MSBA Act*, and the MSBA By-Laws. In the event of any conflict, the provisions of the *MSBA Act* and the MSBA By-Laws shall prevail. Where any of the aforementioned identified instruments are silent, the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, shall apply.
2. The resolution process shall be conducted by a "Resolutions Chair", referred to in the following sections as the "Chair".
3. The Chair will advise the membership of the disposition of emergent resolutions submitted to the MSBA Executive and request the assembly's consideration of those late resolutions not adopted by the Executive.
4. Resolutions shall be dealt with in the following order:
  - a. consideration of new resolutions in the order listed in the resolutions booklet and any emergent resolutions adopted by the MSBA Executive at the end of the section in which the resolution is assigned (point #3 above);
  - b. consideration of emergent resolutions not adopted by the MSBA Executive but approved by the assembly for debate;
  - c. any resolution(s) for reconsideration in the order of receipt by the Chair (point #25).
5. Should any resolution be identified as a particular concern of the assembly, that resolution may be brought forward in the convention proceedings for discussion and debate by majority consent of the assembly. A motion requesting this *action* must be moved and seconded.
6. Proposed resolutions shall be read and moved by members of the Resolutions and Policy Committee and the Chair shall immediately ask for a seconder who may speak to the proposed resolution and close debate.

### RESOLUTIONS

7. Resolutions submitted by any member board in the period between the deadline for receipt of regular resolutions and the final Executive meeting preceding the annual general meeting will be considered emergent resolutions.

The Executive will assess emergent resolutions to determine whether the issue addressed was evident prior to the deadline for submission of regular resolutions. Where the Executive deems the resolution to be truly emergent in nature, it will be included among those for consideration at the annual general meeting.

Any emergent resolution not adopted by the MSBA Executive will require a separate motion to be added to the annual general meeting agenda and must be moved and seconded and receive the support of not less than two-thirds of the delegates present and voting in order to be considered.

## RESOLUTIONS

8. Any resolution sponsored by the provincial executive will be deemed to be a regular resolution, whether or not it meets the timeline outlined above.
9. Extraordinary resolutions arising out of the business of the annual general meeting may be considered if consideration is supported by a two-thirds majority of voting trustees.

## DEBATE

10. As soon as a proposed resolution has been moved and seconded, the Chair will call upon the seconder to explain the proposed resolution.
11. The Chair will then ask if any delegate wishes to speak against the proposed resolution. If no delegate so indicates, the seconder will be invited to close debate and the question will be called.
12. Once any delegate speaks in opposition to the proposed resolution, debate shall begin and continue until the question is called in the usual manner. The seconder will have the right to be the final speaker in the debate.
13. Each delegate wishing to speak to a resolution must first be formally recognized by the Chair and shall announce their name and school division/district before speaking to the resolution to be debated.
14. No delegate shall speak to a resolution more than once, except the seconder of the resolution, and debate shall be limited to three (3) minutes unless permission for an additional three (3) minutes is granted by general consent of the assembly.
15. Associate members may, at the discretion of the Chair, speak on a point of information but may not enter into the debate, nor may they move, second, or vote on a resolution.

## VOTING

16. Member school boards who have at least one trustee in attendance at the Annual Convention shall be eligible to vote, via board ballots, on by-laws and by-law amendments, and the appointment of the auditors. Trustees from member boards who are registered Convention delegates are voting delegates eligible to vote on all resolutions other than those requiring board ballots, as described above.
17. A quorum shall consist of not less than 100 voting delegates present virtually or in person at the time the vote is called on any motion before the assembly.
18. The Resolutions and Policy Committee [By-Law #5, (10)] shall be responsible to know the voting strength at all times on the convention floor, and shall be responsible for ruling on any disputes over the issuance of voting cards and ballot books.
19. All voting shall be by show of hands (using the authorized voting cards) unless:
  - a. the Chair, in their discretion, calls for a standing vote before announcing the results of a vote by show of hands, or
  - b. immediately after the result has been announced by the Chair, one delegate calls for a standing vote.Voting at virtual meetings shall be by a roll-call vote of each school board (for board ballot votes) or by an electronic voting platform approved by the Executive for regular resolutions.

## VOTING

20. A favourable vote of not less than two thirds of the board ballots cast shall be required to approve any amendments/changes to the By-Laws or *MSBA Act*. All other questions shall be decided by majority vote of those delegates present and voting unless otherwise specified in these rules of procedure.

## AMENDMENTS

21. A delegate may, at any time during the debate on a resolution, move an amendment, providing it is relevant to and deals with the same subject matter as the original resolution. Amendments must be seconded.
22. The Chair has the prerogative to divide a question into two or more questions so as to allow for a separate vote on any particular point or points, if the Chair deems that the division of the question will facilitate debate.
23. No more than one amendment and one amendment to the amendment (sub-amendment) will be accepted by the Chair at any one time.
24. The Chair may, in their discretion, require that any amendment to a resolution be submitted in writing.

## RECONSIDERATION

25. A written notice of motion to reconsider a vote on the resolution shall be presented to the Chair, and may only be submitted by a delegate who originally supported the vote on that particular resolution. Upon validation of the request for reconsideration, the Chair shall immediately announce that a motion to reconsider will be presented after all other convention resolutions have been considered in accordance with [Section 4 (c)] above.



## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.**

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| CAMPBELL (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/NORDHEIM (MSBA Executive) .....CARRIED |
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## MEETING ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned March 21, 2025 at 4:15 p.m., when it adjourns it meets virtually at 9:30 a.m. on June 13, 2025 via Zoom.

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| MARTENS (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/DAVIS (MSBA Executive) .....CARRIED |
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# EMERGENT RESOLUTION

## Teacher Education

(Evergreen S.D.)

**WHEREAS** the deadline for resolutions has passed;

**AND WHEREAS** an issue has arisen that was not contemplated before the deadline;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Assembly consider a resolution on Teacher Education as distributed, as an emergent resolution pursuant to paragraph 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Emergent resolutions require two-thirds support of voting trustees to be considered.

YORGA (Evergreen S.D.)/BERGSON (Seine River S.D.).....CARRIED

The motion will be added to the External Organizations category as EO-03-25.

# BY-LAWS

**BY-LAW 5 (6)(d)** ..... **B-01-25**  
(MSBA Executive)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association amend By-Law 6(d) “Method of Voting” and By-Law 5 (9)(a)(i) as follows:**

**By-Law 6(d) “Method of Voting”**

**From: Voting on resolutions and elections shall be conducted in accordance with the following rules:**

- a) board ballots shall be used to elect the President of the Association;
- b) board ballots shall be used to vote on any new by-law, or by-law amendment;
- c) board ballots shall be used to appoint the association financial auditors;
- d) individual trustee ballots shall be used to elect all members of the Association Executive except for the President, and...

**To: Voting on resolutions and elections shall be conducted in accordance with the following rules:**

- a) board ballots shall be used to elect the President of the Association;
- b) **board ballots shall be used to elect the Vice-Presidents of the Association;**
- c) board ballots shall be used to vote on any new by-law, or by-law amendment;
- d) board ballots shall be used to appoint the association financial auditors;
- e) individual trustee ballots shall be used to elect all members of the Association Executive except for the President **and Vice-Presidents**, and...

WARNER (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/LACHANCE (MSBA Executive)

A motion to divide the question BY-LAW 6(d) and By-Law 5(9)(a)(i) was moved.

WARNER (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/CAMPBELL (MSBA Executive) ..... CARRIED

Delegates will vote on By-Law 6(d) “Method of Voting” separately.

A motion to table resolution B-01-25 until the votes are tallied was moved.

WARNER (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/CAMPBELL (MSBA Executive) ..... CARRIED

A motion to lift from the table was moved.

ROSS, D. (Brandon S.D.)/CAMPBELL (Resolutions and Policy Committee) ..... CARRIED

Board ballot vote results on the resolution as amended .....CARRIED

**By-Law 5 (9)(a)(i) "Elections"**

**From: The Association's President will be elected by means of board ballots. The Association's two Vice-Presidents will be elected by means of individual trustee ballots cast by trustees from member boards who are registered Convention delegates. Directors will be elected by means of individual trustee ballots cast by trustees who are registered Convention delegates, and who are from member boards that are included within the region a Director will represent upon election.**

**To: The Association's President will be elected by means of board ballots. The Association's two Vice-Presidents will be elected by means of **board ballots** cast by ~~trustees from~~ **member boards who are registered Convention delegates, and who are member boards that are included within the enrolment category that each Vice-President will represent upon election.** Directors will be elected by means of individual trustee ballots cast by trustees who are registered Convention delegates, and who are from member boards that are included within the region a Director will represent upon election.**

WARNER (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/LACHANCE (MSBA Executive)

A motion to divide the question BY-LAW 6(d) and By-Law 5(9)(a)(i) was moved.

WARNER (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/CAMPBELL (MSBA Executive) ..... CARRIED

Delegates will vote on By-Law 5(9)(a)(i) "Elections" separately.

A motion to table resolution B-01-25A until the votes are tallied was moved.

WARNER (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/CAMPBELL (MSBA Executive) ..... CARRIED

A motion to lift the motion from the table was moved.

WARNER (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/CAMPBELL (Resolutions and Policy Committee) ....CARRIED

Board ballot vote results on the resolution as amended .....CARRIED

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT that Manitoba School Boards Association amend By-Law 5(11)(b) as follows:**

**From:**

**11. Resolutions**

- b) Each region may adopt a maximum of five board-sponsored resolutions for forwarding for consideration at the association’s AGM as regular resolutions. Board-sponsored resolutions not adopted at the regional meeting for forwarding to the AGM may be forwarded, upon a majority vote in the affirmative at the regional meeting, directly to the provincial executive as an issue or request for action.**

**To:**

**11. Resolutions**

- b) There is a limit of 30 board-sponsored resolutions for forwarding for consideration at the association’s AGM as regular resolutions. Board-sponsored resolutions not adopted at the regional meeting for forwarding to the AGM may be forwarded, upon a majority vote in the affirmative at the regional meeting, directly to the provincial executive as an issue or request for action. In the event that the total number of board-sponsored resolutions exceeds the limit, the Resolutions and Policy Committee shall take all resolutions under advisement by way of determining the total number that shall appear before convention to promote an efficient annual resolutions process.**

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| WARNER (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/EVANGELISTA (MSBA Executive) .....CARRIED |
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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association amend By-Law 5(7)(c) as follows:**

**From:**

- 7. Nominations for Executive Positions**
- c) The term of office for all elected Executive positions shall be two years, and no person shall hold the same Executive position for more than two complete, consecutive terms. The term of office for the Past President shall be two years.**

**To:**

- 7. Nominations for Executive Positions**
- c) The term of office for all elected Executive positions shall be two years, and no person shall hold the same Executive position for more than two complete, consecutive terms. The term of office for the Past President shall be two years **if the current President serves one complete term. The term of the Past President may be renewed at the pleasure of the Provincial Executive to a further two years, should the current President serve two complete, consecutive terms.****

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| <b>WARNER (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/MAGNAN (MSBA Executive) ..... DEFEATED</b> |
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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association amend the Annual Convention By-Law 5 Sections 4, 6, and 9 to allow all trustees of member boards, registered and present at the convention, to vote for the President of the Association by means of individual trustee ballot.**

**4. Eligible Voters**

**From: Member school boards who have at least one trustee in attendance at the Annual Convention shall be eligible to vote, via board ballots, in the election for President of the Association, and on by-laws and by-law amendments.**

**To: All trustees from member school boards who are registered Convention delegates and in attendance, shall be eligible to vote by means of an individual trustee ballot for the election of the President of the Manitoba School Boards Association. By-laws and by-law amendments shall be voted on by board ballot.**

**6. Method of Voting**

**Voting on resolutions and elections shall be conducted in accordance with the following rule:**

**From: a) board ballots shall be used to elect the President of the Association**

**To: a) all trustees from member school boards who are registered Convention delegates, and in attendance, shall be eligible to vote in the election of the President of the Manitoba School Boards Association by means of individual trustee ballots.**

**9. Elections**

**From: The Association’s President will be elected by means of board ballots. The Association’s two Vice-Presidents will be elected by means of individual trustee ballots cast from member boards who are registered Convention delegates.**

**To: The Manitoba School Boards Association’s President, and two Vice-presidents shall be elected by means of individual trustee ballot cast by trustees from member boards who are registered Convention Delegates and in attendance.**

WARNER (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/BOGASKI (Lord Selkirk S.D.)  
A motion to table the resolution was moved.  
CAMPBELL (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/WARNER (Resolutions and Policy Committee) ..... CARRIED  
A motion to lift the motion from the table was moved.  
BOGASKI (Lord Selkirk S.D.)/ROSS, D. (Brandon S.D.) ..... CARRIED  
A motion to appeal was moved.  
BOGASKI (Lord Selkirk S.D.)/ROSS, D. (Brandon S.D.)  
The chair ruled to move the motion to the end of the debate ..... CARRIED  
The Chair then receiving due parliamentary counsel, given passage by the membership of amendments to By-Law 5(9)(a)(i), Chair L. Ross ruled the motion..... OUT OF ORDER



# AUDITOR AND FINANCIALS

**RECEIPT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ..... A-01-25**  
(MSBA Executive)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the audited financial statements for the fiscal period ending June 30, 2024 be received.**

CAMPBELL (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/LETHBRIDGE (MSBA Executive).....CARRIED

**APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR ..... A-02-25**  
(MSBA Executive)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT KPMG Chartered Accountants be re-appointed as the Manitoba School Boards Association auditors for the fiscal period ending June 30, 2025.**

CAMPBELL (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/CHASKE (MSBA Executive) .....CARRIED

# MATTERS AFFECTING THE ASSOCIATION

## FORMAL PROCESS FOR COMMUNICATING MEMBERSHIP

### RESOLUTIONS WITH GOVERNMENT ..... M-01-25

(Region 2)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association develops and implements a documented process for communicating a written list of new and current membership resolutions to all member school boards and the provincial government (Premier of Manitoba, Minister of Education, Deputy Minister of Education and Assistant Deputy Minister(s) of Education) on an annual basis, within 3 months of the MSBA Convention, and within 3 months of the election of a new government.**

CAMPBELL (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/STANDEVEN (Prairie Spirit S.D.) .....CARRIED

### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN K-12 EDUCATION ..... M-02-25

(Region 3)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association develop policy guidance related to AI in K-12 Education in Manitoba.**

CAMPBELL (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/MARYNIUK (Lord Selkirk S.D.) .....CARRIED

### LOCAL VOICES, LOCAL CHOICES 2.0 ..... M-03-25

(Region 5)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association establish a formal communication strategy to increase the profile of the association and its member boards as experienced during the pandemic and Bill 64.**

CAMPBELL (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/LETHBRIDGE (MSBA Executive) .....CARRIED

## FUNDING AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

### **FULL FUNDING FOR SOCIAL AND HEALTHCARE SERVICES ..... FFM-01-25** (Regions 1, 2 & 5)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby and petition the Provincial Government to fund and reimburse school divisions, while providing comprehensive coverage to students and their families for access to health and social service professionals (including but not limited to services provided by mental health professionals, psychologists, social workers, speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, health care aides). Funding for these professionals and their services should more properly and appropriately fall under jurisdiction of Shared Health regions or other external health and social authorities. Currently, these services are instead addressed through school division funding.**

BOGASKI (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/ALPHONSO (Southwest Horizon S.D.).....CARRIED

### **ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS..... FFM-02-25** (Region 1)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association petition the Provincial government to provide additional funding to address student behavioural issues.**

BOGASKI (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/EKENNA (Brandon S.D.).....CARRIED

### **FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN ..... FFM-03-25** (Regions 1 & 5)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby the Federal and Provincial governments to fully fund the development and implementation of high-quality full-day, every day kindergarten programs in English and French, as a public right and service, across the province.**

BOGASKI (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/MACTAVISH (Turtle Mountain S.D.).....CARRIED

**TAX REVENUE REMITTANCE ..... FFM-04-25**

(Region 2)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby the Provincial Government to pay School Divisions ~~“Education Property Tax Credit”, “Manitoba School Tax Rebate”~~ **“Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit” and “Farmland School Tax Rebate”**, **“Property Tax Offset Grant”, “General Support Grant” and “Tax Incentive Grant”** by June 30.**

BOGASKI (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/LEHMANN (Pine Creek S.D.)

The following amendment was moved: to replace the words **“Education Property Tax Credit”, “Manitoba School Tax Rebate”** with **“Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit” and “Farmland School Tax Rebate”**.

LEHMANN (Pine Creek S.D.)/CAMPBELL (Interlake S.D.) ..... CARRIED

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby the Provincial Government to pay School Divisions **“Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit” and “Farmland School Tax Rebate”, “Property Tax Offset Grant”, “General Support Grant” and “Tax Incentive Grant”** by June 30.**

Vote on the amendment ..... CARRIED

Vote on the resolution as amended .....CARRIED

**PROVINCIAL FUNDING FORMULA GUARANTEE ..... FFM-05-25**

(Region 2)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby the Provincial Government to make the following changes, for school divisions that lost funding in the Funding of Schools Program under the 98% Formula Guarantee for six years:**

- restore **“Funding of Schools Programs”** funding at the 2015-2016 budget year level;
- increase the Formula Guarantee to at least **102%** to address inflationary pressures;

BOGASKI (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/LEHMANN (Pine Creek S.D.)

A motion to withdraw was moved.

LEHMANN (Pine Creek S.D.)/

The motion dies .....NOT SECONDED

**PROMOTION OF EQUITABLE EDUCATION FUNDING FOR RESERVE**

**SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE..... FFM-06-25**

(Region 3)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- 1. The Manitoba School Boards Association and its counterparts across Canada actively and persistently lobby the Federal Government to ensure equitable funding for reserve schools nationally, such that funding levels are comparable to those provided to provincially funded schools.**
- 2. MSBA emphasize the importance of redressing the longitudinal resource gap resulting from historical underfunding, advocating that this redress be reflected in federal funding policies for all Indigenous students across the country.**
- 3. MSBA collaborate with the Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA), leveraging its prior leadership within the CSBA Indigenous Education Committee, to work at all levels of government and with relevant stakeholders to promote and achieve nationwide funding parity for all First Nations and Métis students.**
- 4. MSBA and the CSBA advocate for immediate federal action on the implementation of the Supreme Court's recognition of Métis students in *Daniels v. Canada* to ensure funding parity for Métis students equivalent to that of First Nations students across Canada.**

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| MARTENS (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/RIVARD (Seine River S.D.).....CARRIED |
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**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ..... FFM-07-25**

(Region 3)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby the Manitoba Provincial Government to establish and fund full-time early childhood education for all eligible children in Manitoba, ensuring accessible, quality early education that supports the needs of children and families across all communities.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Manitoba School Board Association urge the Provincial Government to prioritize early childhood education funding in the upcoming budget and collaborate with educational and community stakeholders to implement this essential program effectively and equitably across the province.**

MARTENS (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/ROSKA (Seine River S.D.) ..... DEFEATED

**EQUITY AND PUBLICLY FUNDED EDUCATION..... FFM-08-25**

(Region 6)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association develop a province-wide view of public education programs and services, and capital projects, with the sole purpose to highlight items/budget amounts that are not funded by the Province of Manitoba. Be it also resolved that MSBA use this information to lobby the Province of Manitoba to provide an appropriate and equitable level of funding, retaining clear and ongoing accountability for funding all aspects of PUBLIC K-12 EDUCATION.**

MARTENS (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/KULY (Winnipeg S.D.) .....CARRIED

**FULLY FUNDED TEACHER CONTRACT ..... FFM-09-25**

(Region 6)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby the Province of Manitoba for funding increases to fully support the provincially negotiated Teacher contract, a process mandated by the province of Manitoba.**

MARTENS (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/KULY (Winnipeg S.D.) .....CARRIED

**PLAYGROUNDS AT NEW BUILDS..... FFM-10-25**

(River East Transcona S.D.)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby the Provincial Government to fund all costs for new and existing playgrounds, including play structures.**

MARTENS (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/BAGE (River East Transcona S.D.) .....CARRIED

**CONTINUED FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT SUPPORT THROUGH..... FFM-11-25**

**JORDAN’S PRINCIPLE**

(Lord Selkirk S.D.)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby the federal government to continue funding Educational Assistant support through Jordan’s Principle throughout Manitoba school divisions to provide the necessary and crucial one-on-one supports for First Nations’ children;**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Manitoba School Boards Association collaborate with the Canadian School Boards Association to advocate for and support the Grand Chiefs, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, Southern Chiefs Organization, and Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak in lobbying the federal government to continue the Jordan’s Principle program so that Manitoba school divisions continue to receive all necessary supports that First Nations’ children need in order to thrive and succeed.**

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| MARTENS (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/HENRY (Lord Selkirk S.D.) .....CARRIED |
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# STUDENTS

**PUPIL TRANSIENCE STRATEGY ..... S-01-25**  
(Region 4)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby Manitoba Education to develop a pupil transience policy framework and strategy to work with all stakeholders to support transient students.**

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| RIVARD (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/SHARKER (SD of Mystery Lake) .....CARRIED |
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## EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

### **EXPEDITE CHILD ABUSE AND CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS .....EO-01-25** (Region 1)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association petition the Province of Manitoba in conjunction with law enforcement agencies to expedite the issuance of Child Abuse Registry and Criminal Record checks.**

RIVARD (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/SZWALUK (Park West S.D.).....CARRIED

### **HIGH RISK OFFENDER NOTICES.....EO-02-25** (Region 3)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association advocate to the Manitoba Department of Justice for a more consistent distribution of information on convicted high risk sex offenders, directly to school divisions, to ensure an awareness of this vital information by applicable divisional and school leaders.**

RIVARD (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/UNGER (Hanover S.D.) .....CARRIED

### **TEACHER EDUCATION .....EO-03-25** (Evergreen S.D.)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby Faculties of Education in Manitoba to ensure that course content in Structured Literacy is available to Teacher Candidates. Such course content should be in keeping with current research regarding explicit and systematic instruction in the foundational skills that contribute to efficient word reading: print concepts, phonological awareness, phonics, and fluency.**

RIVARD (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/YORGA (Evergreen S.D.) .....CARRIED

## MISCELLANEOUS

**TIMELY RESPONSES FROM PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT..... MISC-01-25**  
(Region 1)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby for timely responses from the Manitoba provincial government to School Division inquiries, requests, and consultations.**

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| RIVARD (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/HINTZ (Turtle Mountain S.D.).....CARRIED |
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## RECONSIDERATION OF ADJOURNMENT

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the motion to set the time to which this meeting be adjourned, passed at the outset of the resolutions debate, be reconsidered.**

**Note: the mover voted on the prevailing side.**

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| ROSS, D. (Brandon S.D.)/RIVARD (Seine River S.D.) .....CARRIED |
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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned March 21, 2025 at 4:15 p.m., when it adjourns it meets virtually at 9:30 a.m. on June 13, 2025 via Zoom.**

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| ROSS, D. (Brandon S.D.)/RIVARD (Seine River S.D.) ..... DEFEATED |
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**THAT the ballots be destroyed.**

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| FALLIS (Brandon S.D.)/MARYNIUK (Lord Selkirk S.D.) .....CARRIED |
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**THAT this meeting adjourn at 4:02 p.m.**

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| ROSS, L. (Chair of Resolutions Debate) adjourned the resolutions debate. |
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