



Our **2026-2027 Learning Opportunities calendar** will help trustees and boards plan for the upcoming year. This calendar 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.

Our [on-line calendar](#) contains the most up-to-date details about these and other events, so visit our website often! And, don't forget to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

## 2026

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| October 23       | Special Area Groups of Educators (SAGE) Day                                                |
| October 23 – 25  | Canadian Association of Communicators in Education (CACE) Annual Conference, Halifax       |
| October 26 – 28  | National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE), Baltimore, Maryland             |
| November 18 – 20 | National Gathering for Indigenous Education, Convention Centre/Virtual, Winnipeg           |
| November 26 – 27 | Manitoba School Boards Association Fall General & Regional Meetings, Delta Hotel, Winnipeg |

## 2027

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| March 3 – 5   | Think Indigenous Education Conference, Regina                                                              |
| March 12 – 14 | Consortium of State School Boards Associations (COSSBA), Dallas, Texas                                     |
| March 18 – 19 | Manitoba School Boards Association Annual Convention, Delta Hotel, Winnipeg                                |
| April 2 – 4   | National School Boards Association Annual Convention, Washington, DC                                       |
| April 18 – 20 | Canadian Association for the Practical Study of Law in Education (CAPSLE), Halifax                         |
| Dates TBD     | Aboriginal Education Research Forum, Winnipeg                                                              |
| July 6 - 8    | National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education and Canadian School Boards Association Congress, Regina |

## SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CONFERENCES

### MSBA Annual Convention

March 18 – 19, 2027

Delta Hotels by Marriott, Winnipeg

MSBA's Annual Convention will be held March 18 and 19 at the **Delta Hotels Winnipeg**. One day will be devoted exclusively to professional development, and one day will be dedicated to the business of the Association. The President's Banquet will be held on Thursday night (March 18). Presentation of recognition awards will be showcased throughout the program.

Watch for program details early in the New Year on the convention [webpage](#), in the e-bulletin, and in the weekly divisional mail.

### National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education and CSBA Congress

July 6 – 8, 2027

Regina, SK

The Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) will be hosting the 2027 [NTGIE and CSBA Congress](#) from July 6 - 8 in Regina, SK. The theme in 2027 is "Seeding Innovation and Growing Success *Together*". The event promises to be both informative and inspirational. The program will include renowned keynote speakers, engaging workshops, opportunities to connect with peers and time to explore all that Regina has to offer. Watch the event [website](#) for event details in the coming months.



For future planning, the National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education and CSBA Congress in July 2028 will be held in Montreal.

### National School Boards Association Annual Conference

April 2– 4, 2027

Washington, DC

This national event, held in the United States, brings together education leaders from across the country, offering a unique opportunity to learn about best governance practices, gain insights into child development, and explore cutting-edge programs and technology to enrich student learning. Plan to join other trustees and administrators in Washington for an empowering experience of national school board leadership learning and networking with like-minded professionals.

General registration opened in August. For program, registration, and accommodation details, visit the conference [website](#).



## MSBA EVENTS AND RESOURCES

### Fall Regional Meetings

November 26 – 27

Delta Hotels by Marriott, Winnipeg

Mark your calendars for November 26 - 27 and join us for two days of learning, collaboration, and Association business. As we are in an election year, registration and hotel booking information will be available on **September 28**, closer to the event.

**Day 1 (Thursday, November 26)** will focus on professional development for both new and experienced trustees, and will include an association update and financial report. The evening will feature a “fall supper” celebration and games.

**Day 2 (Friday, November 27)** will feature the general meeting, regional meetings, and other Association business. By-elections for MSBA President, Vice-President and Regional Directors will also take place, if required.

The schedule at a glance can be viewed [online](#). Please note that the meeting will take place in person at the Delta Hotel in downtown Winnipeg. If you have any questions, please contact [events@mbschoolboards.ca](mailto:events@mbschoolboards.ca).



## EXTERNAL CONFERENCES

### CACE-ACACÉ Conference

October 23– 25, 2026

Halifax, NS

The Canadian Association of Communicators in Education is looking forward to making a return to Halifax, NS for the 2026 National CACE Conference from October 23 to 25, 2026.

Each year, the National CACE Conference offers the best professional development for Canadian communicators in education. This year’s conference will deliver a line-up of inspiring keynotes and breakout sessions in all facets of school communication, public relations, marketing and public engagement.

Visit the convention [website](#) for program highlights and for information on hotel and travel. [Registration](#) is now open.



## EXTERNAL CONFERENCES (CONTINUED)

### National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE)

October 26– 28, 2026

Baltimore, Maryland

NASBE's Annual Conference empowers state board members to leverage their role in the education. Attended by state board members from across the nation, along with leading experts, the NASBE Annual Conference is the only conference designed specifically for state board members.



NASBE's 2025 Annual Conference will be held in-person October 26-28, 2026, in Baltimore, Maryland.

To learn more about this conference or to register, visit the [event website](#).

### National Gathering for Indigenous Education

November 18 – 20, 2026

RBC Convention Centre/Virtual, Winnipeg

The [National Gathering for Indigenous Education](#) is Canada's largest event dedicated to advancing Indigenous education. This is where educators, Elders, policy-makers, and community leaders come together to share, learn, and collaborate.

By attending this conference you will gain practical strategies for improving Indigenous student engagement and success; insights from thought leaders in education, policy, and community development; connect with a like-minded network committed to reconciliation through education, and receive valuable take-home resources for you to use in your educational setting.



The 2026 National Gathering will take place via a hybrid format, allowing educators from across the country various virtual options. Visit the [event website](#) to register and learn more.

### Consortium of State School Boards Associations (COSSBA) National Conference

March 12 – 14, 2027

Dallas, Texas

Join education leaders from across the United States at the 2027 COSSBA National Conference in Dallas, where ideas become action and connections strengthen public education.

Discover innovative strategies, engage in meaningful conversations, and gain practical insights to help you lead with purpose and create greater impact in your schools and communities.

For more information and to register, visit the [event website](#).



## EXTERNAL CONFERENCES (CONTINUED)

### CAPSLE Conference

April 18 – 20, 2027

Halifax, NS

[CAPSLE](#) is Canada's leading resource for learning, connecting, and growing in the field of education law.

CAPSLE's [annual conference](#) attracts experienced educators, lawyers, academics and others interested in the relationship between education and law, and more specifically in the practical application of the law in the education context. Registration opens this fall on the [event website](#).



### Shawane Dagosiwin Aboriginal Education Forum

Dates: TBD 2027

Location: TBD

Shawane Dagosiwin is an Anishinabemowin word which captures the guiding principles of being respectful, caring, and passionate about Aboriginal research.

[The forum](#) will focus on knowledge, experiences, and relevant practices to research, and linking research to policy and actions.



**“SHAWANE DAGOSIWIN”**

### Think Indigenous Conference

Dates: March 3 – 5, 2027

Location: Regina, Saskatchewan

This conference aims to bring together Indigenous ally's, educators, health care professionals, elders, youth Indigenous people, and anyone working with or for Indigenous people. The event is a safe and inclusive conference with a dedication to decolonization.

Stay tuned for details on the event website: <https://www.thinkindigenous.ca/conference-info.html>



## SPECIAL EVENTS

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### **Manitoba Indigenous Youth Achievement Awards (MIYAA) Gala** **November 25, 2026** **Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre, Winnipeg**

The Annual [Manitoba Indigenous Youth Achievement Awards](#) Gala Dinner will be held on Wednesday evening, November 25, 2026 at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre.

These awards celebrate outstanding Indigenous youth who have received awards for achievement in a variety of fields from academics to traditional employment to entrepreneurship. Since the awards ceremony began in 1994, over 300 youth/individuals have received a Manitoba Indigenous Youth Achievement Award for their accomplishments. The MIYAA Planning Committee, who represents Indigenous organizations, local school division representatives and past MIYAA recipients, is very excited to host this year's event.



Tickets are on sale now. For more information visit the [MIYAA 2026](#) website.

### **Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba Stone Soup Week** **March (dates to be announced soon)** **Various Locations**

Every year in March, the Stone Soup folktale is recreated as the Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba brings the community together to enjoy a warm bowl of soup, while raising funds and awareness for school meal programs across Manitoba.



Visit the CNCM's Stone Soup [webpage](#) to learn more and to view highlights from past years.



## RESOURCES

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### **Manitoba Association of Parliamentarians**

“Open the door to a world of more productive meetings!” by visiting the Manitoba Association of Parliamentarians [website](#) to learn about some of the supports MAP offers. These include in-person and e-workshops and study groups on a variety of meeting management topics. New members are welcome – from novices with no previous experience, to Professional Registered Parliamentarians.