



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

March 19, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO BE HELD MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026
7:30 P.M. (Public)

J. L. MILNE BOARDROOM, ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

1031 - 6TH STREET, BRANDON, MANITOBA

D. Labossiere
Secretary-Treasurer

AGENDA

1.00 AGENDA/MINUTES:

1.01 Approval of Agenda

1.02 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

- a) Regular Board Meeting – March 9, 2026
Adopt.

2.00 IN CAMERA DISCUSSION

2.01 Student Issues

- Reports
- Trustee Inquiries

2.02 Personnel Matters

- Reports
- Trustee Inquiries

2.03 Property Matters/Tenders

- Reports
- Trustee Inquiries

2.04 Board Operations

- Reports
- Trustee Inquiries

3.00 PRESENTATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

3.01 Presentations for Information

3.02 Communications for Information

3.03 Communications for Action

4.00 REPORT OF SENIOR ADMINISTRATION

- From Report of Senior Administration

- a) Review Report of Senior Administration – March 23, 2026

5.00 GOVERNANCE MATTERS

5.01 Reports of Committees

- a) Committee of the Whole:

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| Education and Community Relations | C. Ekenna |
| Finance and Facilities | B. Sieklicki |
| Personnel and Policy | L. McConnell |

5.02 Delegations and Petitions (Max. 15 minutes)

Kat Hunkin and Tana Janzen of the Brandon School Division have partnered with Smiley Worms, and are presenting an idea for a progressive, proactive, low-risk budget shift that would make the Brandon School Division a leader in Manitoba in terms of environmental education.

Ketan Patel, Citizen of Brandon, providing a presentation on Anti-Islamophobia Action Plan introduced by the Manitoba government and how initiatives connected to this plan may be implemented within public schools.

5.03 Business Arising

- From Previous Delegation

Michelle and Andy Depner, representatives of Caregiver Advocates for Literacy Equity, presented on Universal Screening for Reading Difficulties.

- From Board Agenda

- MSBA Issues

a) E-News – March 11, 2026

5.04 Public Inquiries (Max. 15 Mins)

During the March 9, 2026, Regular Board Meeting, Mr. James Epp, resident of Brandon, had an inquiry surrounding the budget process and stated *“to help me make my 8 decisions come October, is this the standard operating procedure of the Brandon School Division? If so, how long has this been the process and have there been prior attempts to correct it?”*

5.05 Motions

- 18/2026 That the research request from Shannon Howell, PhD, Senior Research Consultant, CCI Resources/CCI Research Inc., for the inclusion of five additional schools in the project: 2025-2026 Canadian Student Alcohol and Drugs Survey, be approved.
- 19/2026 That the purchase of three (3) Blue Bird propane school buses and one (1) Blue Bird gas school bus for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$988,122.14 (including taxes) be funded by the School Bus Capital Reserve, be approved.

5.06 Bylaws

5.07 Giving of Notice

5.08 Trustee Inquiries

6.00 ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Next Regular Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m. (Public), Monday, April 13, 2026.

Additional Information:

- Members of the public wishing to make a presentation, a delegation or a petition are asked to contact the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, by email: delegations@bsd.ca, or by phone at (204) 729-3114, no later than 12:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the Board meeting.
- For all other inquiries related to Board matters, please email: trusteeinfo@bsd.ca.

- We invite everyone to watch live streaming of the Board meetings on our website: <https://www.bsd.ca/page/8192/board-meeting-dates-live-streaming>.

7.00 ADJOURNMENT



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, March 9, 2026

J. L. Milne Boardroom
Administration Office
1031 - 6th Street, Brandon, Manitoba

Trustees Present:

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| L. Ross, Chairperson | K. Carr |
| C. Ekenna | K. Fallis |
| L. McConnell | S. Mozdzen |
| J. Murray | B. Sieklicki |

Also Present:

D. Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer
M. Gustafson, Superintendent/CEO
S. Gilleshammer, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services
J. Zilkey, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum and HR
J. McBeth, Executive Assistant
T. Curtis, Communications Coordinator

Regrets:

D. Ross, Vice-Chairperson

The Chairperson called the public portion of the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m., with a traditional heritage land acknowledgment.

AGENDA

1.00 AGENDA/MINUTES:

1.01 Approval of Agenda

J. Murray – K. Fallis
That the agenda be approved.
Carried

1.02 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a) Regular Board Meeting – February 23, 2026
K. Carr – B. Sieklicki

That the minutes be approved as circulated.
Carried

- b) Budget Deliberations – February 25, 2026
S. Mozdzen – K. Fallis

That the minutes be approved as circulated.
Carried

- c) Public Budget Presentation & Consultation – March 2, 2026
K. Carr – B. Sieklicki

That the minutes be approved as circulated.

Carried

2.00 IN-CAMERA DISCUSSION

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3.00 PRESENTATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

3.01 Presentations for Information

3.02 Communications for Information

3.03 Communications for Action

A letter was received from Heidi Howarth, Chair of the Brandon Conservatory Chorale (BCC). The Board decided to refer the letter to Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

4.00 REPORT OF SENIOR ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Gustafson provided highlights from the following items from the March 9, 2026, Report of Senior Administration:

a) Administration Information:

➤ Celebrations:

- Brandon School Division students will participate in the Brandon University Jazz Festival on March 12-14, 2026:
 - Brandon Grade 8 Jazz Ensemble – March 13
 - Crocus Plains Neelin Jazz Combo - March 13

- Crocus Plains Neelin Grades 10-12 Jazz Band – March 13
- Crocus Plains Neelin Grade 9 Jazz Band - March 14
- Vincent Massey Junior Jazz Band – March 12
- Vincent Massey Intermediate Jazz Band – March 13
- Vincent Massey Senior Jazz Band – March 12

➤ Information Items:

- Correspondence was received from Honourable Ron Kostyshyn, Minister of Agriculture, and Honourable Tracy Schmidt, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, proclaiming March 2026 as Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month in Manitoba.
- Mr. Gustafson provided an update on Substitute Teacher availability.
- Administrative Procedure (AP) 5130 – Respectful Workplace has been updated to align with amendments to The Workplace Safety and Health Act.

b) Business Arising for Board Action:

➤ Information for Discussion and Correspondence:

- The Staffing Activity Report was distributed to the Board as Confidential No. 1.
- Mr. Labossiere provided highlights regarding the 2026-2027 Financial Budget and 2026 Special Levy. Refer to motions.

B. Sieklicki – J. Murray

That the March 9, 2026, Report of Senior Administration be received and filed.

Carried

5.00 GOVERNANCE MATTERS

5.01 Reports of Committees

a) Education & Community Relations Committee Meeting

The written report of the Education & Community Relations Committee meeting held on February 23, 2026, was circulated.

K. Fallis – K. Carr

That the report be received and filed.

Carried

b) Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting

The written report of the Finance & Facilities Committee meeting held on February 23, 2026, was circulated.

B. Sieklicki – K. Fallis

That the report be received and filed.

Carried

c) Personnel & Policy Committee Meeting

The written report of the Personnel & Policy Committee meeting held on February 23, 2026, was circulated.

S. Mozdzen - J. Murray
That the report be received and filed.
Carried

5.02 Delegations and Petitions (Max. 15 minutes)

Michelle and Andy Depner, representatives of Caregiver Advocates for Literacy Equity, presented on Universal Screening for Reading Difficulties and answered Trustee questions for clarification.

5.03 Business Arising

- From Previous Delegation:

Rana Wilkinson, spokesperson for the Brandon Parent Council Collective, presented on the topic of Lunch Supervision. The Board agreed to refer the matter of Lunch Supervision to Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

- From Board Agenda

- MSBA Issues –

- a) MSBA Annual Convention – March 19-20, 2026
- b) E-News – February 26, 2026

5.04 Public Inquiries (Max. 15 Mins)

Mr. James Epp, resident of Brandon, had an inquiry surrounding the budget process and stated *“to help me make my 8 decisions come October, is this the standard operating procedure of the Brandon School Division? If so, how long has this been the process and have there been prior attempts to correct it?”*

5.05 Motions:

15/2026 B. Sieklicki – C. Ekenna
That the Final Budget for 2026-2027 and the 2026 Special Levy be approved as follows:

| | |
|--|-----------------------|
| Total Operating Expenses | \$ 149,682,900 |
| Transfers to Capital Fund | <u>\$ 153,500</u> |
| Total Operating Expenses and Transfers | <u>\$ 149,836,400</u> |
| 2026-2027 Special Requirement | <u>\$ 64,261,527</u> |
| 2026 Special Levy to be raised from Municipalities | <u>\$ 59,274,200</u> |

Carried

Late Motions:

16/2026 L. McConnell – J. Murray
Whereas the Middle East Conflict poses increased risk to the safety of students from Vincent Massey High School traveling to Germany, Switzerland and Austria from March 26 to April 3, 2026, be it resolved that Motion 41/2024 be rescinded.
Carried

17/2026 J. Murray – S. Mozdzen
Whereas the Middle East Conflict poses increased risk to the safety of students from Ecole Secondaire Neelin High School traveling to Greece from March 26 to April 3, 2026, be it resolved that Motion 42/2024 and Motion 61/2025 be rescinded.
Carried

5.06 Bylaws

5.07 Giving of Notice

5.08 Trustee Inquiries

6.00 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 7:30 p.m. (public), Monday, March 23, 2026.

7.00 ADJOURNMENT

K. Fallis – L. McConnell
That the Board do now adjourn at 8:57 p.m.
Carried

Chairperson (L. Ross)

Secretary-Treasurer (D. Labossiere)



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Report of Senior Administration to the Board of Trustees

March 23, 2026

A. Administrative Information

I. CELEBRATIONS

1. VINCENT MASSEY HIGH SCHOOL – CULTURAMA

Vincent Massey High School students and staff take pride in celebrating the many cultures represented in the school community. This year's Culturama event is scheduled for March 23rd and March 24th, 2026, and will feature student performances and food representing over 20 countries.

II. SUSPENSIONS

Below are the number of suspensions from March 3, 2026 to March 16, 2026.

| <u>Grade Level</u> | <u>Number of Students Suspended</u> | <u>Category: Inappropriate Behaviour</u> | <u>Category: Assaultive Behaviour</u> | <u>Category: Drugs and Alcohol</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| K-8 In-School | 11 | 4 | 14 | 2 |
| K-8 Out-of-School | 11 | 15 | 10 | 3 |
| Total Suspensions K-8 | 22 | 19 | 24 | 5 |
| | | | | |
| 9-12 In-School | 0 | - | - | - |
| 9-12 Out-of-School | 13 | 10 | 6 | 0 |
| Total Suspensions 9-12 | 13 | 10 | 6 | 0 |
| | | | | |

Accepting the Challenge

| <u>Grade Level</u> | <u>Number of Students Suspended</u> | <u>Category: Inappropriate Behaviour</u> | <u>Category: Assaultive Behaviour</u> | <u>Category: Drugs and Alcohol</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| All Schools Total | 35 | 29 | 30 | 5 |
| | | possession of weapons – 0 | use of weapons - 0 | |

Note: A suspension may involve more than one category.

III. COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS AND SCHOOL VISITS

The following community connections and school visits were made by Senior Administration:

- March 4, 2026 – Dr. Stephanie Buono, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education; Dr. Gustavo Moura, Director, Brandon University Centre for Applied Research and Education; Dr. Candice Waddell-Henowitch, Brandon University – Mathew Gustafson
- March 10, 2026 – Barry Cooper, Executive Director, Keystone Centre Foundation – Mathew Gustafson
- March 12, 2026 – Brandon Chamber of Commerce – Government Relations Committee – Mathew Gustafson, Jon Zilkey
- March 13, 2026 – Student Services staff meeting: Psychologists – Mathew Gustafson

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. EARL OXFORD SCHOOL OFF-SITE ACTIVITY

For InformationJ. Zilkey

Earl Oxford School submitted an off-site activity request for ninety (90) band students in Grade 8 to make a trip to Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan from May 12 to May 14, 2026.

Michael Kendzierski, Principal, Earl Oxford School, recommended this trip for approval. Jon Zilkey, Assistant Superintendent, has approved this trip.

2. WAVERLY PARK SCHOOL OFF-SITE ACTIVITY

For InformationJ. Zilkey

Waverly Park School submitted an off-site activity request for ninety-nine (99) band students in Grade 8 to make a trip to Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan from May 12 to May 14, 2026.

Brooke Williams, Principal, Waverly Park School, recommended this trip for approval. Jon Zilkey, Assistant Superintendent, approved this trip.

3. SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT CHANGES AND COMPLETED/WITHDRAWN FOR THE 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR

For InformationD. Labossiere

The following scholarship agreement changes and completed / withdrawn have been requested by the contributors for the 2025/2026 school year:

Changes:

- Brandon Friendship Centre / Prairie Mountain Health Scholarship: updated the name of the scholarship to Brandon Friendship Centre Scholarship and removed all reference to Prairie Mountain Health;
- Brandon Masonic Lodge No. 19, G.R.M., A.F. & A.M. Morris W. Long Masonic Scholarship: increased amount to be awarded from \$300 to \$500;
- Maple Leaf Foods Scholarship: updated the name of the scholarship to Canada Packers Scholarship, updated the date of the agreement for the 2025/2026 school year, and changed the title of Senior Human Resources Manager to Human Resources People Leader;
- Westoba Credit Union Scholarship: updated the name of the scholarship to the Assiniboine Credit Union Graduation Bursary and changed all reference of scholarship to bursary; and
- MLA Glen Simard Scholarship: updated the date of the agreement for the 2025/2026 school year.

Completed/Withdrawn:

- Kayleigh Brugger Character Scholarship;
- Kelsey Bell RE/MAX Valleyview Realty Student Sport Award;
- Polish Gymnastic Association "Sokol" Award; and
- Scholarship in Memory of Jason Hargreaves.

This is provided as information.

V. PRESENTATIONS

1. ONE MANITOBA YOUTH SUMMIT

For InformationJ. Zilkey

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning hosted the One Manitoba Youth Summit: Safe and Healthy Futures, on February 27, 2026. This event was dedicated to amplifying the voices of young people in shaping safe and healthy communities.

The summit provided a platform for youth to share ideas, collaborate, and identify solutions to support safe and healthy communities in Manitoba. The Honourable Wab Kinew, Premier of Manitoba, gave the keynote address. Students heard from Government and community leaders on the topic of community health and safety, participated in breakout sessions co-led by Members of the Legislative Assembly and youth leaders, and explored artistic expressions of community well-being which will influence policy and community initiatives.

Five students from École secondaire Neelin High School and eight students from Vincent Massey High School attended this event. Some of those students will share highlights and perspectives from the summit at tonight's meeting.

B. Business Arising for Board Action

I. INFORMATION FOR DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. STAFFING ACTIVITY REPORT

For InformationJ. Zilkey

Included in the agenda package for the Board of Trustees is the Staffing Activity Report (Confidential No. 1), a listing of resignations and employment approved by the Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer and Secretary-Treasurer since the last meeting.

Senior Administration respectfully submits this report for your consideration, action, and information.

**Mathew Gustafson
Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer**



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, March 9, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
Boardroom, Administration Office

Trustees Present: L. Ross C. Ekenna
K. Carr K. Fallis
L. McConnell S. Mozdzen
J. Murray B. Sieklicki

Also Present: D. Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer
M. Gustafson, Superintendent/CEO
S. Gilleshammer, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services
J. Zilkey, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum and HR
J. McBeth, Executive Assistant

Regrets: D. Ross

1. COMMITTEE ITEMS

A. 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Mr. Zilkey reviewed the draft 2026-2027 School Year Calendar. He indicated that there are 191 days of school for the 2026-2027 school year.

B. RESEARCH FOR APPROVAL CANADIAN STUDENT ALCOHOL AND DRUGS SURVEY

Mr. Gustafson spoke to the Research request from Shannon Howell, Ph.D., Senior Research Consultant, CCI, Resources/CCI Research Inc. He indicated he recommends approval of this research request, with the condition that Prairie Hope School does not participate due to the special circumstances of the school. Mr. Gustafson answered Trustee questions.

The Committee agreed to bring forward the following recommendation to the Regular Board Meeting on March 23, 2026:

Recommendation:

That the research request from Shannon Howell, PhD, Senior Research Consultant, CCI Resources/CCI Research Inc., for the inclusion of five additional schools in the project: 2025-2026 Canadian Student Alcohol and Drugs Survey, be approved.

C. CONFIDENTIAL MATTER

Mr. Gustafson spoke to a confidential matter and received feedback from the Committee.

D. CONFIDENTIAL MATTER

Mr. Gustafson spoke to a confidential matter and answered Trustee questions for clarification.

E. BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION CARDS

Mr. Gustafson provided the Committee with a sample of the revised Brandon School Division cards.

F. SCHOOL TRIPS

Mr. Gustafson spoke to the upcoming high school trips to Europe and answered Trustee questions. He indicated that Senior Administration had determined that the increased level of risk combined with the unpredictable nature of the conflict results in Senior Administration no longer being able to support the Vincent Massey High School and École secondaire Neelin High School 2026 school trips to Europe.

The Committee agreed to bring the following late motions to the Regular Board Meeting, March 9, 2026:

Recommendations:

Whereas the Middle East Conflict poses increased risk to the safety of students from Vincent Massey High School traveling to Germany, Switzerland and Austria from March 26 to April 3, 2026, be it resolved that Motion 41/2024 be rescinded.

Whereas the Middle East Conflict poses increased risk to the safety of students from École Secondaire Neelin High School traveling to Greece from March 26 to April 3, 2026, be it resolved that Motion 42/2024 and Motion 61/2025 be rescinded.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Ekenna



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, March 9, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
Boardroom, Administration Office

Trustees Present: L. Ross C. Ekenna
K. Carr K. Fallis
L. McConnell S. Mozdzen
J. Murray B. Sieklicki

Also Present: D. Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer
M. Gustafson, Superintendent/CEO
S. Gilleshammer, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services
J. Zilkey, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum and HR
J. McBeth, Executive Assistant

Regrets: D. Ross

1. COMMITTEE ITEMS

A. 2026 SCHOOL BUS ORDER

Mr. Labossiere advised that one (1) Bluebird gas school bus and three (3) Bluebird propane school buses are being recommended for purchase using funds from the School Bus Capital Reserve. Mr. Labossiere spoke to the letter received from the Province regarding the 2026 School bus Order.

The cost of the four (4) school buses is \$988,122.14 (including taxes). Mr. Labossiere indicated the cost of gas and propane buses decreased by 2% and that the 2026 price of a gas bus is \$234,200 and the price of a regular propane bus is \$248,200. For 2026-2027, the Division will also be purchasing an accessibility bus in the amount of \$271,900. He added that the Division currently has 48 buses in its fleet, which is comprised of 7 diesel, 1 gas, and 40 propane buses. Mr. Labossiere answered Trustee questions.

The Committee agreed to bring the following recommendation as a motion to the Regular Board Meeting Monday, March 23, 2026:

Recommendation

That the purchase of three (3) Blue Bird propane school buses and one (1) Blue Bird gas school bus for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$988,122.14 (including taxes) be funded by the School Bus Capital Reserve, be approved.

- B. CONFIDENTIAL MATTER
Mr. Labossiere and Mr. Gustafson spoke to a confidential matter and answered Trustee questions for clarification.
- C. CONFIDENTIAL MATTER
Mr. Labossiere spoke to a confidential matter and received feedback from the Committee. Mr. Labossiere answered Trustee questions for clarification.
- D. CONFIDENTIAL MATTER
Mr. Gustafson and Mr. Labossiere spoke to a confidential matter and received direction from the Committee.
- E. CONFIRM PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNT (FEBRUARY)
The payments of account for the month of February were provided for information and accepted as circulated.

2. **OPERATIONS INFORMATION**

A. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Mr. Labossiere spoke to the letter received from Rhonda Shaw, Executive Director – Learning and Outcomes Branch, regarding Brandon School Division’s 2025-2026 Skills Strategy Equipment Enhancement Fund (SSEEF) grant submission(s). He stated that Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School is the successful recipient of the SSEEF grant for the Collision Repair and Refinishing Technology Program in the amount of \$96,272.
- Mr. Labossiere reviewed the Capital Update for Manitoba’s Education Sector which was presented at the MASBO Conference in Brandon on February 18, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Sieklicki



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, March 9, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
Boardroom, Administration Office

Trustees Present: L. Ross C. Ekenna
K. Carr K. Fallis
L. McConnell S. Mozdzen
J. Murray B. Sieklicki

Also Present: D. Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer
M. Gustafson, Superintendent/CEO
S. Gilleshammer, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services
J. Zilkey, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum and HR
J. McBeth, Executive Assistant

Regrets: D. Ross

1. COMMITTEE ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL MATTER

Mr. Labossiere reviewed information on a Personnel Matter and answered Trustee questions.

Respectfully submitted,

L. McConnell



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MANITOBA
School Boards
ASSOCIATION

March 11, 2026



ARE YOU READY FOR CONVENTION?

With the convention just days away, now is a good time to take another look at the event webpage to familiarize yourself with the agenda, resolutions/special business document, review the candidate profiles, check out the venue map, and more!

New this year, we will open the registration desk on Wednesday from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm to help alleviate congestion on the mezzanine level during peak times. If you arrive on Wednesday during these hours, please pop by to check in with staff.

You will find us on the mezzanine level of the Delta, directly next to the Grand Ballroom at the top of the escalator. Here you can pick up your name tag, voting delegate card, board ballots, and purchase tickets for our popular charity raffle in support of CancerCare Manitoba.

Note: If you are the designated individual responsible for picking up board ballots, please identify yourself to the registration desk staff.

Registration desk hours are as follows:

Wednesday, March 18 - Open from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 19 - Open from 7:30 am - 5:00 pm

Friday, March 20 - Open from 7:30 am - 3:30 pm

RAFFLE DONATIONS REMINDER!

CancerCare Manitoba Foundation will be the recipient of the proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets at the upcoming annual convention.

It is preferred that donations be delivered on-site to the registration desk at the Delta Hotel, 350 St. Mary Avenue, before the start of the event. The final draw for prizes will be made on Friday, March 20, with the winners announced over lunch. The continued success of this raffle is due entirely to the generosity of member school boards, students and staff.

If you have any questions about delivering your raffle donations, please don't hesitate to contact events@mbschoolboards.ca



All funds raised stay in Manitoba.



**TREATY RELATIONS
COMMISSION OF MANITOBA**

TREATY EDUCATION WORKSHOP

Manitoba School Boards Association is pleased to partner with the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba to offer a workshop on **Treaty Education**. This one-day workshop is designed to provide school trustees, both new and experienced, with the fundamental knowledge of treaties and the call to action to ensure that treaty education is part of K-12 education. As such, the event will be offered virtually to allow more trustees to participate.

Program Overview

The session brings together leading voices in Treaty education—including Elders, advisors, and experts—to deepen understanding of Treaty history, strengthen relationships, and support long-term, sustainable approaches to teaching Treaties in schools.

Throughout the day, participants will explore the spirit and intent of Treaties, engage in interactive learning, and gain practical tools and strategies for implementing Treaty Education within their divisions. From foundational knowledge to collaborative planning, this training offers meaningful opportunities for reflection, dialogue, and action.

Whether you are new to Treaty Education or looking to expand your practice, this event provides valuable insights and inspiration to support your role as a trustee in advancing reconciliation through education.

Registration

- This virtual workshop will be offered on **April 23, 2026**, via Microsoft Teams
- Run time will be from **8:45 am – 3:45 pm** with a 1-hour lunch break
- There is **no cost** for the workshop

Click [here](#) to register. If you have questions about this event, please contact events@mbschoolboards.ca.



OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH!

The Beaverbrook Vimy Prize is open for applications!

During this fully funded educational program, recipients from Canada, France, the United Kingdom, and Germany will visit Belgium and France from July 31 to August 10 to study the interwoven histories of the First and Second World Wars in their respective countries, as well as the environmental impact of the wars.

Participants will gain new perspectives on well-known and lesser-told stories of the wars, see their lasting impact on people and the environment, and connect with students from around the world.

Youth aged 15-17 can apply by March 17 [here](#).





CELEBRATE – MONTH OF LA FRANCOPHONIE!

Canadian Heritage, the Canada School of Public Service, and Théâtre Cercle Molière invite you to celebrate the International Day of La Francophonie with a virtual event marking 100 years of Franco-Manitoban theatre.

Learn about North America's oldest active French-language theatre company and view a screen adaptation of "Ô Canada, té qui toi?", a production exploring youth integration, identity, belonging, reconciliation, and cultural diversity. The event includes a live Q&A with the artists.

The event takes place on Friday, March 20, 2026 and is free and open to ages 9 and up. Registration is required to receive the webcast link. Sign up online here.

STONE SOUP WEEK REMINDER!

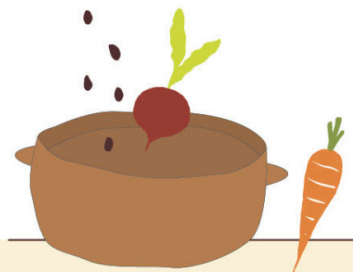
The week of **March 23 - 29** marks the annual Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba's Stone Soup Fundraiser. Proceeds from the event support Manitoba school meal and snack programs. Check out the impressive list of participating restaurants across the province to view their signature soup menu offerings. Restaurants will donate \$1 from every bowl of soup sold to the Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba. Raffle tickets are also still available and can be purchased online. Get your tickets today!

50 / 50 RAFFLE + 5 Early Bird Prizes

Help fill the pot in support of Manitoba school food.



STONE SOUP 2026



CHILD NUTRITION
COUNCIL OF MANITOBA

Manitoba Hydro
energy for life

Together, Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba and Manitoba Hydro are helping create Energy for Life.

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