

## SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

With school board elections less than five months away, conversations in the province will be turning to schools and education. Now is the time for school boards to start promoting elections and reaching out to potential candidates in their communities by sharing information on divisional websites, hosting town halls and sharing details on social media.



Check out the [election page](#) on our website to find important dates and information to help prepare individuals for running and voting in the election on October 26, and mark your calendars for the virtual [candidate information session](#) on September 13. As well, discover valuable resources, including [Questions for School Board Candidates](#), [10 Characteristics of Effective Board Members](#), a guide to [School Boards and Trusteeship in Manitoba](#), [fundraising and social media tips](#) and more.

If your board is interested in using the election logo or banner graphics produced by MSBA, please [contact](#) Communications Officer Karen Harrington to request digital files.



## DIVERSITY EDUCATION RESOURCES

Did you know that Manitoba Education and Training has a [web page](#) dedicated to diversity education? Belonging, Learning and Growing: Diversity Education is divided into sections for [youth](#) and for [educators](#). The educator's page includes a section on "Schools to Watch", which profiles school programs, educators, and promising models from Manitoba, Canada, and internationally. It also features a section dedicated to teachers' voices, intended to stimulate dialogue and critical thinking through the sharing of reflections and experiences related to diversity and equity education. You'll find links to departmental publications [here](#), covering topics such as gender diversity and refugee and war-affected children.



## EQUITY AUDIT WEBINAR SERIES

[Equity Matters Manitoba](#) is hosting a webinar series designed to introduce equity audits to school districts and other public sector organizations.



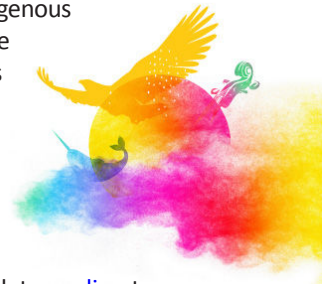
An equity audit is a comprehensive review of an organization's policies, practices, working/service delivery environment and organizational culture through an equity lens.

The first webinar in the series, being held on June 14 with Tana Turner of Turner Consulting Group, will focus on the employment equity audit purpose, process, and outcomes; and the role of staff census data in supporting the equity audit process. [Register](#) today!

## NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

On June 21, we commemorate National Indigenous Peoples Day to recognize the history, heritage and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada.

Take the time to discover the many resources available [online](#) to learn more about [National Indigenous History Month](#), [reconciliation](#), and [Indigenous history in Canada](#). Be sure to watch for updates [online](#) to discover activities and events happening in your region.



## MY VOICE IS LOUDER THAN HATE

My Voice is Louder Than Hate is a multimedia lesson resource designed by Media Smarts to empower students in Grades 9 to 12 to push back against hate and prejudice in their online communities.



Over the course of this program, students will: learn how to push back when they encounter hate or prejudice online; develop digital and media literacy skills to recognize and confront hate material online; and, prepare to take action as digital citizens by taking an active role in forming the norms and values of their offline communities and using digital and media tools for civic action online and offline. To view the teacher's guide and to learn more about this resource, visit the Media Smarts [website](#).

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