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2023/24 REPORT OF THE STUDENT **ADVISORY COUNCIL**

In late August, Minister Nello Altomare met with the Student Advisory Council at the Manitoba Legislature, welcoming the incoming 2024/2025 council members and thanking the



outgoing members. At the meeting, the council also delivered its 2023/2024 annual report to Minister Altomare.

The council was established in 2021 to provide the Minister with student-centred insights and advice on issues related to Kindergarten to Grade 12 education in Manitoba. During the 2023/2024 year, students provided input on topics including poverty in education, school nutrition, emergency preparedness, smartphone and pronoun usage, classroom sizes, youth leadership, and an anti-racism framework.

The new 2024/25 council will be represented by 30 Manitoba youth, aged 14 to 18, from across Manitoba, who have diverse interests, identities, backgrounds, and perspectives. The Manitoba government remains committed to ensuring the council closely reflects the diverse student demographics throughout the province.

More information on the Student Advisory Council can be found <u>online</u>.

MEDIA LITERACY WEEK, OCT. 21 - 25

Media Literacy Week is an annual national event hosted by <u>MediaSmarts</u> to promote digital media literacy, with activities and events taking place in classrooms, libraries, museums and community groups from coast to coast to coast.

This year MediaSmarts is also bringing back **Digital Citizen** Day on October 23 - join in to encourage everyone to engage and share responsibly in our digital world. Learn more on the Media Literacy week website.



CYBER MONTH 2024

Cyber Security Awareness Month (Cyber Month) is an internationally recognized campaign held each October to help the public learn more about the importance of cyber security. The campaign helps Canadians stay secure online by teaching them simple steps to protect themselves and their devices.



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The theme for #CyberMonth2024 is Generation Cyber *Safe: Because online security knows no age.* Online security affects all Canadians, regardless of when they were born - that's why every generation is part of Generation Cyber Safe. This Cyber Month is a time to celebrate the unique strengths every generation has when it comes to staying safe online and sharing information on how each generation can use their qualities to help others, too. You can learn more about Cyber Month on the Get Cyber Safe website.

VIMY INSPIRES TOMORROW

Vimy Inspires Tomorrow

is a history-based leadership program for youth in Canada, ages 13-17. It is designed to encourage youth to develop leadership skills that they can use to make a positive impact in their communities. A free,



bilingual Facilitator's Guide is available.

Youth who complete the program are eligible for a project grant of \$2,500 to assist them in bringing their project to life. Individual youth and community groups can now apply here! The deadline for applications is December 11, 2024.

Learn more: https://vimyfoundation.ca/programs/vimyinspires-tomorrow







