



K-12 Education Review – New Information Released

You are receiving this mid-month news update as a result of recent significant releases regarding the K-12 Education Review. As an organization, The Manitoba Teachers' Society has been preparing for commission initiatives since the announcement on January 23, 2019. MTS will participate in the Review in a number of ways, and encourage members to do so. Listed below are updates regarding the Commission on K-12 Education. You can find more details at www.mbteach.org.

1. Public Workshops

Ten public workshops will be held as part of the public consultation for the K-12 Review. The workshops, led by facilitators and running April 24 to May 15, are an opportunity to get more information, provide feedback, or take part in round-table discussions based on your time and interests. Staff from MTS will attend and report on each consultative session.

On Saturday April 27 during Presidents' Council, the MTS local association presidents plan to attend the workshop at Canad Inns Club Regent together, as a sign of solidarity. There are workshops in both English and French, and there are both Winnipeg and rural locations. I have included the schedule as Page 3 of this newsletter, so please post in your staffrooms.

➤ [Click here to register and view the schedule.](#)

2. Public Hearings

Individuals or locals that would like to present their perspectives and recommendations at a public hearing must submit a formal brief to the commission. Selected groups and individuals will be invited to present to the commission, however all briefs will be posted on the commission's website. The dates for the public presentations have not been scheduled, but will be in June 2019.

3. Written Submissions

No one can voice classroom realities better than teachers! The written submission can be as short as a paragraph or as long as deemed necessary. These submissions can be emailed to the commission at K12educationcommission@gov.mb.ca. To ensure the commission considers your submission, please include your name and contact information. The deadline for submissions is **May 30, 2019**.

4. Support and Engagement Tools

Need help writing a submission? Consider attending the event called *Write the Review*, Saturday May 4, 9am-12pm, at the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Education. This is designed to help create a space for teachers and educational partners to write to the review. Please RSVP by April 26 to costak@myumanitoba.ca.

➤ [Click here for the invitation to Write the Review on the ITA website.](#)

5. Collection of Exemplary Practices

The commission is inviting Manitoba teachers, those currently teaching and those who are retired, to share exemplary practices they have implemented and that have resulted in increased student achievement and outcomes.

➤ [Click here to submit an exemplary practice.](#)

6. Online Survey

An online survey is now available for teachers on the commission website. MTS was not involved in the creation of the survey. Teachers will be expected to provide a Teaching Certificate Number for validation purposes. This has raised questions of privacy. The Society is neither encouraging nor discouraging members to fill in the online survey. Rather, MTS is encouraging its members to participate through the hearings and workshops, as well as written submissions, and is providing advice and support for those wishing to do so. Members who are comfortable with providing their Teacher Certificate Number and wish to voluntarily fill in an online survey and/or the Exemplary Teaching Practice Form should be at all times mindful of their obligations to colleagues under the MTS Code of Professional Practice as well as their duty of fidelity to their employer.

7. Future MTS and ITA Involvement

The Society is in the final stages of preparing a comprehensive submission to the Commissioners focused on student learning and teaching, including recommendations with robust analysis. It will be presented at Presidents' Council and then shared with members. Your ITA executive is working toward many ways of become involved in the Review. We will be involved with written submissions, will attend the public workshops as we hope many of you will also. These are simply opportunities we can not let pass, as we must share with the commissioners the value in public education, and in the improvement of our craft.

Please take a moment to:

- Go to www.mbteach.org and learn more at your own pace.
- Write to the review.
- Register for and attend one of the public workshops or hearings.
- Send in and encourage your colleagues, current and retired, to share exemplary practices that have resulted in increased student achievement.
- Attend local meetings and information sessions

Reminder of the INTERLAKE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

April 23rd, 2019, ***4:40 pm, Stonewall Collegiate Music Room. Food and beverages served.

AGENDA

*****Timed Item at 4:30 pm** - ISD Delegation to bring information regarding the Local Voices; Local Choices initiative from Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA)

4:40 pm – Official Call to Order of the ITA Annual General Meeting

Election of the 2019-2020 ITA Executive

Presentation of the 2019-2020 Budget

Guests: MTS Vice-President – James Bedford

Bargaining update - MTS Collective Bargaining Standing Committee (CBSC) – John Bock

Interactive Public Workshop Schedule – Please Post

The Manitoba Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education is hosting a series of interactive public workshops to get your views and opinions on the future of Manitoba's education system.

To register, go to: <https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/educationreview/consultation.html>

Date	Time	Location
April 24, 2019	6:00 pm to 8:30 pm	Caboto Centre 1055 Wilkes Avenue, Winnipeg
April 25, 2019	6:00 pm to 8:30 pm	Westwood School 46 Mallard Crescent, Thompson
April 27, 2019	9:00 am to 11:30 am	Canad Inns Destination Centre Club Regent 1415 Regent Avenue West, Winnipeg
April 27, 2019	1:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Canad Inns Destination Centre Club Regent 1415 Regent Avenue West, Winnipeg This meeting will be facilitated in French (language interpretation available)
May 6, 2019	6:00 pm to 8:30 pm	Wescana Inn 439 Fischer Avenue, The Pas
May 9, 2019	6:00 pm to 8:30 pm	Clarion Hotel & Suites 3130 Victoria Avenue, Brandon Bilingual (language interpretation available)
May 11, 2019	9:00 am to 11:30 am	Aspen Lodge 200 1st Street SE, Dauphin
May 13, 2019	6:00 pm to 8:30 pm	Carman Collegiate 121 4th Avenue SE, Carman
May 14, 2019	6:00 pm to 8:30 pm	Pat Porter Active Living Centre 10 Chrysler Gate, Steinbach
May 15, 2019	6:00 pm to 8:30 pm	Caboto Centre 1055 Wilkes Avenue, Winnipeg

The following links go to the full Issues Update Document on the MTS site:

English – www.mbteach.org/mtscms/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/MTS-Issues-Update.pdf

French – www.mbteach.org/pdfs/news/MTS PostionOnIssues FRE.pdf