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From the President- Jeff Cieszecki

Over the past few months, Manitoba public school teachers have been raising their voices on educational matters (#raiseyourvoice). Teachers from across the province made in-person presentations and written submissions to the Standing Committee of Social and Economic Development on Bill 35 - The Education Administration Amendment Act (Teacher Certification and Professional Conduct). The transcripts (Hansard) for the oral presentations and committee discussion on the proposed amendments are linked here:

- [Monday, Apr. 24](#)
- [Tuesday, Apr. 25](#)
- [Wednesday, Apr. 26](#)

The government made several amendments to Bill 35 after the committee hearings. Education Minister Wayne Ewasko said the amendments were a direct result of feedback received during the committee hearings.

MTS recently launched a campaign called #RealTeacherTalkMB. The object of the campaign is to amplify the voices of MTS members, who have responded to The Society's call to provide comments on ways chronic underfunding has impacted their classrooms. MTS has posted these comments to its social media channels steadily over the past weeks and is now ready to draw the attention of the public to comments posted to #RealTeacherTalkMB. The #RealTeacherTalkMB campaign went into market the first week of May. Transit ads in Winnipeg along with billboards in urban and rural Manitoba markets will be visible from May through the end of June, with the potential for additional exposure on other platforms, such as print and radio, over that eight-week period.

I encourage all SOTA members to take a look at what your colleagues from across the Province have to say about public education in Manitoba.



Let's hear some
#RealTeacherTalkMB



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Retirement and Long Service Reception

ALL SOTA MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AS WE
HONOUR OUR RETIREES AND LONG SERVICE MEMBERS

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023

PRAIRIE'S EDGE
KILDONAN PARK

4:30 PM

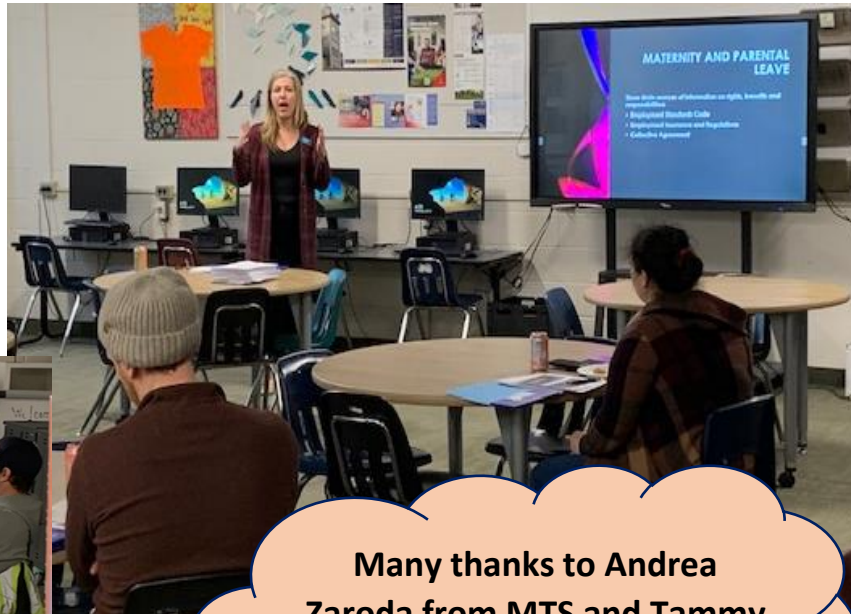
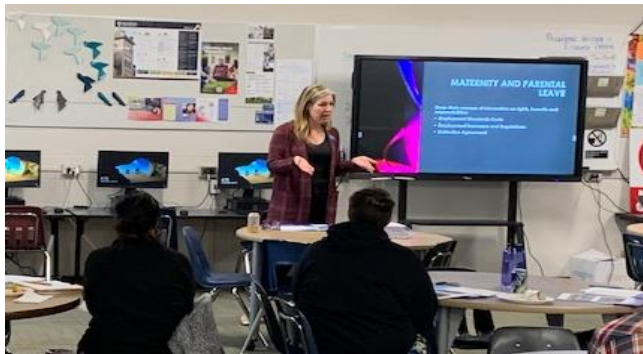
SOTA RETIREES

SHELLEY BIGGAR
BARBARA BOTTLE
JODIE BRISBIN
MELONEE COLLINS
GUY DESMARAIS
SHARON DYCK
ROWAN SMITH-MCCANDLESS
CATHERINE HAWORTH
MICHAEL ILYNIAK
COLLEEN LOWEN
DEBROAH SMYTH
LORI WIEBE
ALICE MCGREGOR
FATUMAH MBABAALI

25 YEAR SOTA/MTS

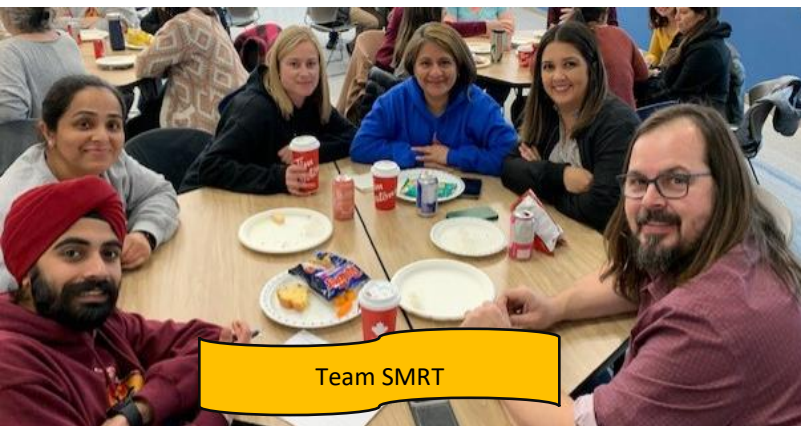
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ANNICK BORDEAUX
PAMELA BOSIUK-FRANKLIN
GINA CURATOLO
GISELE DESORCY
JUDY FORBES
CATHERINE FOY
TODD HOCHMAN
LARA LEE
RICHARD LUPU
SHERYL PELTZ
CHRISTINE STARK
CRYSTAL WIENS

Maternity and Parental Leave Seminar



Many thanks to Andrea
Zaroda from MTS and Tammy
Sabel from SOSD for the
excellent information!

SOTA Trivia Night Event



Team SMRT



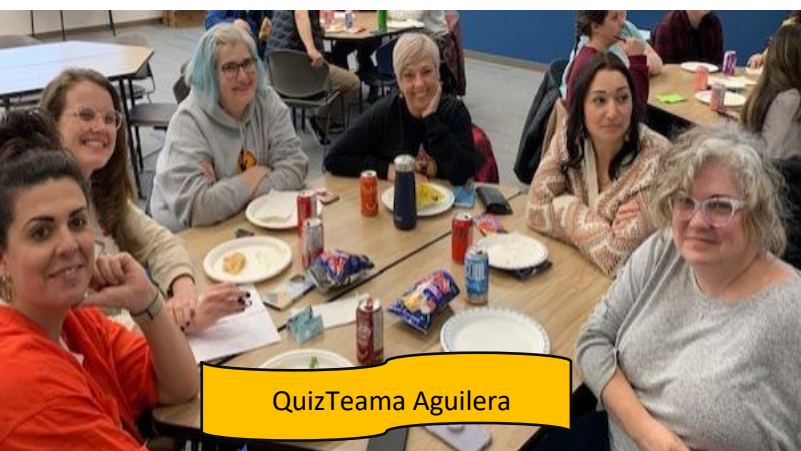
GC Dropouts



J.J. et les Bébés Patates



Don't Stop Beelievin'



QuizTeama Aguilera



Just Haven't MET You Yet

Many thanks to
our Quiz Master
Jonathan Waite!

**Trivia Champs
The Trailblazers!**



**\$240 Raised
to be
donated to
Elwick
Village**

SOTA/Board Professional Development Fund

Summer PD

All Professional Development activities (including Tuition) occurring in July, August and or September **must** be submitted on the first school day in June. This year that date is **June 1st, 2023.**

SOTA members are encouraged to apply for Professional Development opportunities including:

- In-province conferences or workshops
- Webinars
- Out of Province conferences
- Tuition



SOTA/Board PD Fund Q&A

Can I still apply for PD funding this school year?

Yes! You may be approved for funding for up to TWO activities per year. There are ample funds available to support autonomous teacher professional development.

When do I need to apply to the fund?

The application deadline for In-Province requests is 10 calendar days prior to the start of the activity (including Tuition). For Out of Province requests, the application deadline for all conferences and workshops occurring in a given month, must be submitted by the first school day of the month prior.

What should I include for my rationale?

The following rationale must be included in your application in order for your request to be considered for funding:

- i) How does attending this PD inform your practice?
- ii) How does attending this PD impact your work in Seven Oaks?

An incomplete rationale can result in the denial of a PD request.

Does the PD Fund cover tuition?

Yes! The Fund reimburses 1/3 eligible tuition from an accredited post-secondary institution up to a maximum of \$500 per 3 credit hours.



The Cost of Caring: Compassion fatigue, vicarious trauma and burnout.



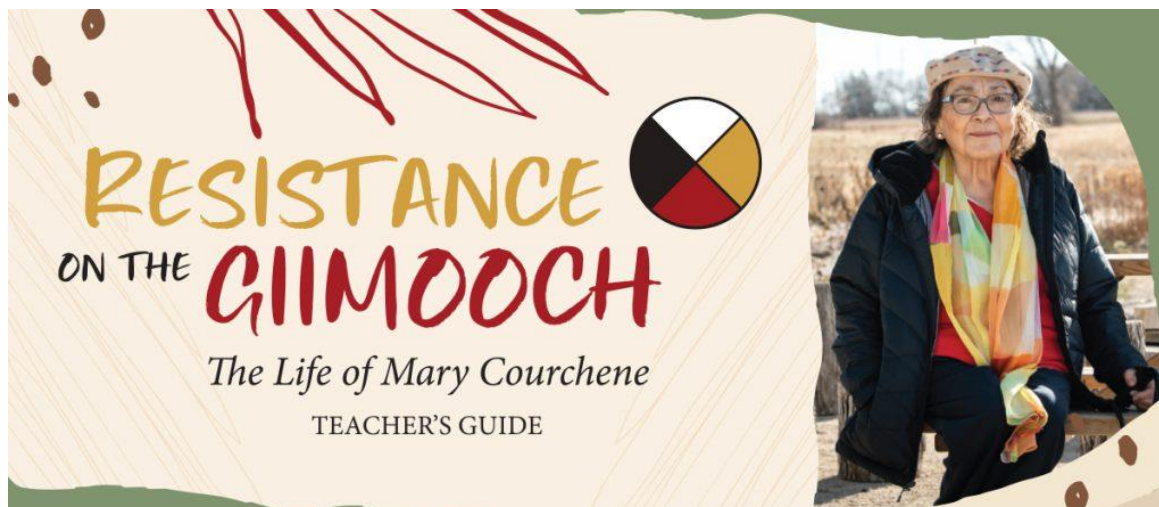
Compassion Fatigue, Vicarious Trauma and Burnout

What are the warning signs and symptoms of compassion fatigue, vicarious trauma, and burnout? How do our jobs as mental health professionals make us vulnerable, and what else in our environment makes us resilient? Learn strategies you can use to prevent or cope with these challenges.

Date/Time: May 15, 2023 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Location: On ZoomZoom

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88173909837?pwd=QzVQdko1ZG1FTlU1TTFjdEs0emZuUT09>



Lesson Plans: The Four Directions

Resistance on the Giimooch Teacher's Guide follows the Anishinaabe teachings of the Four Directions, the guide is informed by learnings from Knowledge Keeper Sherry Copenace and a summary by Elder Dan Thomas. The project is a collaboration between MTS and Seven Oaks School Division.

Link to Teacher's Guide and Lesson Plans:

http://www.mbteach.org/pdfs/pd/MTS_ResistanceOnTheGiimooch_TeachersGuide_23.pdf



Prairie Rose Teachers' Association invites you to...

The 2023 MTS Golf Tournament!

Saturday, June 17th 1:00 p.m. shotgun start

Scotswood Links Golf Course, Elm Creek, MB

1/2 mile West of Elm Creek on MB Highway #2



Registration fees includes:

18 holes, 1/2 a power cart, dinner, and a guaranteed prize!

\$125 per person. Register as a team of 4, or individually by June 2nd.



-Contests!

-Food for purchase!

-100% chance of FUN!

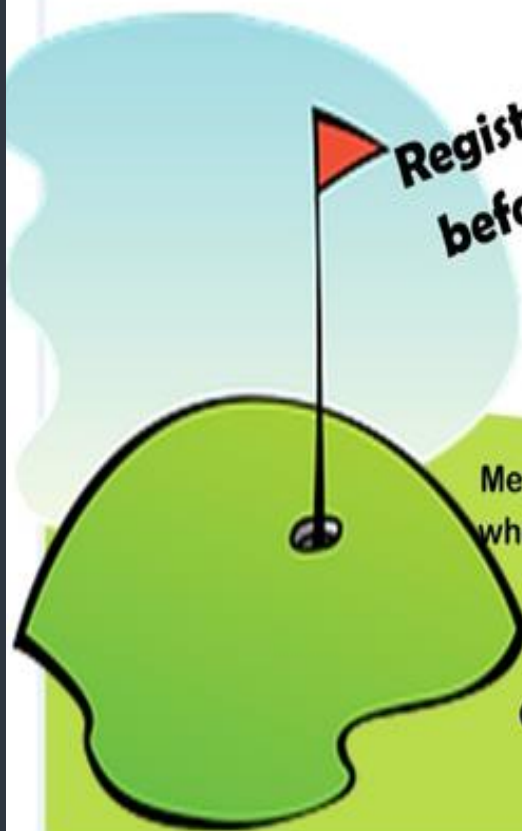
**Register today
before it fills
up!**

Need accommodations?

Mention you are in the MTS Golf tournament when you book at the Blue Crescent Hotel in Carman for a special discounted rate!

1-855-420-0732

Carman is just a 20km drive to the course



Contact the SOTA office by June 2nd if you are planning to register a team. Funding is available to support this event.

Women in Educational Leadership



**Women
Belong
In All
Places
Where
Union
Decisions
Are
Being
Made**

Manitoba Federation of Labour 2023 Women's Conference

September 26-27, 2023 // Union Centre
275 Broadway (Winnipeg)



SISTERS SUPPORTING SISTERS

**UNION WOMEN
ELECTION
CANVASS BLITZ**

Sept. 26, 2023

Stay tuned for
more details



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May 2023

- 16th- SOTA Council Meeting (virtual)
- 25-27th MTS Provincial Council

June 2023

- 6th- SOTA Executive
- 13th- SOTA Council Meeting (virtual)



SOTA Council

Each school or workplace is allowed one councillor for each ten members and at least one alternate for every two councillors. One councillor shall be designated the Head Councillor.

Join us at Council, typically the third Tuesday of each month.

Get involved with SOTA Council!

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