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BRANDON TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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"Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it."
— Susan B. Anthony

This month on October 28, 2026, please make sure you prioritize taking a few minutes to vote and have your say in who will be running our city, wards and school boards. BTA along with other community partners hosted a Candidate's Forum for Trustee's and sent out questionnaire answers to all members. If you missed it, please contact the office at office@bta.mbteach.org for more information.

Education Finance:

As BTA prepares its annual presentation to the Board, we will be sending out a few questions on Survey Monkey. Please take a moment to fill it in if you are able. Last year, our presentation centered around the answers members gave to the survey. Many direct quotes came from members answers to the questions. If you have any anonymous quotes, you would like us to use that were not captured in the survey, please email them to president@bta.mbteach.org for consideration.

Sincerely,

Sandra Thompson, President

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:



October

October 15 **Last day to register for LIFT**
October 22 BTA Council Meeting – 4:15 p.m. – Hybrid
October 23 Professional Development Day (MTS PD Day) – No Classes – K-12
October 28 Joint PD Fund Applications Due by 4:00 p.m.
October 28 BSD School Trustee Elections



November

November 11 Remembrance Day (All Schools Closed)
November 19 BTA Council Meeting – 4:15 p.m. - Hybrid
November 20 Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences (9-12)/PD (K-8) No Classes – K-12
November 27 Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-8)/PD (9-12) No Classes – K-12

December

December 2 Deadline for submission to Joint PD Fund
December 3 Maternity and Parental Leave virtual seminar hosted by MTS
(registration information on page 3)

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SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

On October 6, 2026, the Brandon Teachers' Association, CUPE Local 737, the Brandon Sun, Brandon University, and Westman Communications hosted an election forum for candidates running for trustee positions with the Brandon School Division.

If you were unable to attend or would like to listen to the forum, you can access the recording here:

[https://wcgtv.ca/internetchannel/show/28901



MATERNITY AND PARENTAL LEAVE

MTS is hosting a Maternity and Parental leave seminar. Learn about your rights, responsibilities and available benefits. see flyer for registration information.



VIRTUAL EVENT

Maternity and Parental Leave

Join TheManitobaTeachers' Societyforaninformativevirtualseminar to learn about your rights, responsibilities and available benefits.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Leave provisions
- Employment Insurance (EI) benefits
- Salary top-up benefits
- Other benefit-related considerations

This seminar will be offered on Thursday, December 3, 2026 and Thursday, April 29, 2027 from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

THE MANITOBA TEACHERS' SOCIETY

Visit memberlink.mbteach.org to register today!