



Unit B, 927—26th Street, Brandon, MB R7B 2B7

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The BTA office  
signage is  
now up -  
making it  
easier than  
ever to find  
us!



As we recover from report card season and look forward to Spring break, I want to take a moment to acknowledge all your hard work and dedication. Sometimes we forget what an amazing thing we do each and every day shaping the next generation! I wish everyone rest and relaxation over the well-deserved break and that you come back energized and ready for the final term of the school year.

#### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

**April 1<sup>st</sup>**

application deadline for  
BTA President

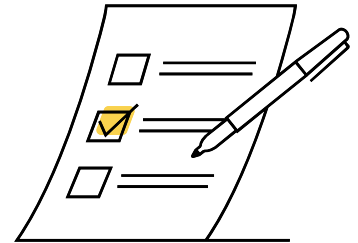
**April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 4 pm**

application deadline for  
Joint PD Fund

Spring is in the Air!



# Upcoming Executive Elections 2026–2027



Nominations for President must be submitted to the Nomination Committee on or before Wednesday, April 1, 2026.

Forms can be found on the BTA website under docs at:

[https:// www.btateach.com/documents](https://www.btateach.com/documents)

or to the BTA Office at:

office@bta.mbteach.org

If you would like more information about the duties of the President, please see the BTA Constitution, Article 7, as well as Part 7 of the Bylaws or contact the BTA office.



BRANDON TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION  
*Manitoba Teachers' Society*

## NOMINATION FORM

The position of President is open for nominations.

NAME OF NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated for the position of **PRESIDENT**.  
Nomination endorsed by: *(required signature of 3 Association members)*

Please Print Your Name	Please Sign Your Name
1.	
2.	
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4.	
5.	

Extras: Please Print and Sign Your Name  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby consent to the above nomination for the position of \_\_\_\_\_ in Brandon Teachers' Association for the term July 1, \_\_\_\_\_ to June 30, \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the BTA Office as soon as possible, and no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>.



## TRIVIA NIGHT @ THE EAGLES' NEST



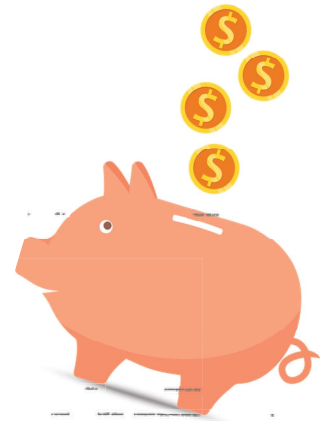
AND THE TROPHY GOES TO:  
**EARL OXFORD SCHOOL**



# PR Committee events

Connect with your BTA School Rep to  
find out how you can enter to win  
2 day passes to the  
Elkhorn Klar So Spa!





March 2026

President  
Local Teacher Associations

Dear President:

Incorporated in 1989, the Retired Teachers' Association of Manitoba is a strong voice advocating for the needs of retired teachers. In 2022, with the passing of Bill 208, RTAM became the official voice of retired teachers in Manitoba. As a growing organization with 10,500 members, we invite you to join us.

Membership is open to individuals with a permanent Manitoba Teaching Certificate and five years of documented teaching experience in our province. New in 2025, education community members with 5 years of documented service are also eligible to join RTAM. This includes all support staff; administrative staff, custodians, bus drivers and educational assistants are welcome at RTAM.

Individuals retiring or considering retirement are invited to join RTAM's 2025-26 virtual Pre-Retirement Seminars. Topics will include retirement planning, the RTAM group benefits plan, reflections on retirement from retired teachers, and the benefits of RTAM membership. Our last seminar for the school year is planned on the following Saturday, from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm.

- March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026  
<https://members.rtam.mb.ca/a/Events/Registrar/xRFkN'6uMCYC7>

Register online before noon the Wednesday prior to the seminar at the links above or, by emailing [office@rtam.mb.ca](mailto:office@rtam.mb.ca) or calling 204-899-3660 x 3.

We kindly ask that you share this information within your community. Additional information about RTAM is available at [www.rtam.mb.ca](http://www.rtam.mb.ca).

Sincerely,

Jayesh Maniar  
President

cc: Dianne Casar, RTAM Member Services Manager



# FemLightenment

SERIES | 2025/2026

The FemLightenment Series is designed to bring those who identify as women together to share their experiences in educational leadership.

**Virtual Winter Session 4** – April 8, 2026 meeting from 6:30-7:30 PM is presented by Arlyn Filewich, Ashleigh Deeley Michaluk, Tammy Hodgins-Rector and Andrea Zaroda.

As part of the series, facilitators will be invited to share resources, strategies and practical ideas that participants can use to support their practice.

## The Power of Women in Bargaining

This virtual panel brings together four women who negotiate on behalf of Manitoba teachers at a particularly important moment. With our collective agreement up in June and a new round of bargaining ahead, these panelists bring timely insights from leadership roles that require strategy, confidence, and a clear sense of purpose in high-stakes environments.

Panelists will share candid reflections on finding and using their voice, building influence, and leading through negotiation during a bargaining year. Grounded in real experience, the conversation will explore how women lead at the table, the strengths they bring to negotiation, and what these lessons can offer anyone interested in leadership, advocacy, and effecting change when the stakes are high.

**DATE: April 8, 2026**

**TIME: 6:30-7:30 PM**

**REGISTER: <https://memberlink.mbteach.org/Event.axd?e=4005>**



**ARLYN FILEWICH**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- Member of the English Provincial Bargaining Table Team
- Member of the Provincial Bargaining Committee
- Member of the Provincial Bargaining Committee and Table Team
- Former Lead Negotiator
- Former Department Head of Teacher Welfare



**ASHLEIGH DEELEY MICHALUK**

DEPARTMENT HEAD,  
TEACHER WELFARE

- Lead Negotiator for the Francophone Table
- Member of the English Provincial Bargaining Table Team
- Member of the Provincial Bargaining Committee



**TAMMY HODGINS-RECTOR**

STAFF OFFICER,  
TEACHER WELFARE

- Member of the Francophone Collective Bargaining Table Team
- Elected Member of the first English Provincial Bargaining Table Team
- Local Collective Bargainer since 1998



**ANDREA ZARODA**

STAFF OFFICER,  
TEACHER WELFARE

- Staff Officer Assigned to the English Provincial Bargaining Table

MTS EQUITY NETWORK EVENT

# OUR VOICES, OUR CANVAS

## VIRTUAL GATHERING FOR INDIGENOUS MEMBERS

Join us for an evening of wellness and creativity through painting, opportunities to connect with Indigenous members from across the province, and a meaningful conversation about how MTS can strengthen its support for Indigenous members.

### EVENT HOSTED BY:



**Kelli Wiebe**

Staff Officer Teacher Welfare,  
Cree/Métis (Peepeekisis Cree First Nation)



**Nicole Lavallee**

Staff Officer Teacher Welfare,  
Saulteaux/Métis (St. Laurent, MB)

**MAY 7, 2026, 7:00-8:00PM (via Zoom)**

Register by Friday, April 10, 2026 for this event to secure your spot and paint kit in advance of the event.

Register at <https://memberlink.mbteach.org/Login.aspx?ReturnURL=/EventDetails.aspx?EventID=4064>

ARTIST:  
MADISON HOLLER,  
RUBINSKI WORKS

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TEACHERS'  
SOCIETY

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**FOR MORE  
INFORMATION**



To apply:

Send your resume, letter, and reference letters to Eric Sagenes at [esagenes@mbteach.org](mailto:esagenes@mbteach.org) by **Monday April 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2026.**

