



## TALKING POINTS

January, 2020 Council

*Please note that Talking Points are intended only to assist you in your PTTA report. Feel free to add any information from the meeting you think is important to share with your staff.*

### 1. Collective Bargaining

PTTA continues to prepare for its upcoming arbitration hearing starting April 13, 2020. The Louis Riel Teachers' Association arbitration has completed and we are awaiting an award by the arbitrators. MTS is hopeful that it will be forthcoming by mid-March.

### 2. Bargaining Survey Response

A huge thank you to all of you for the response to our bargaining survey which came in at an astounding 94% return rate. The information that you provided will be a tremendous help in the arbitration process.

### 3. Legal Challenges

The Charter of Rights legal challenge to Bill 28 will finally complete on February 20, 2020, when final arguments by both sides will have been submitted. There is no definite timeline for when a decision may be rendered.

### 4. Government Actions

We are awaiting the Education Funding Announcement by the government for the 2020 – 2021 school year. This is the total amount of government support school divisions receive to operate. The difference in the total costs of running the school division and government support is raised through local taxation. The school board will determine this amount in February and pass its final budget by mid-March.

### 5. Changes to Extended Health

The massage therapy benefit has reverted to a per hour reimbursement. The cost of Vaccines up to \$1000 has been added to the plan. The Short-Term Disability plan rates will increase 0.003% to help move the plan reserves to an acceptable level.

### 6. Young Humanitarian Awards

Nominations for the young Humanitarian Awards are now open until February 28, 2020. Information on the awards can be found on the MTS website at <http://www.mbteach.org/mtscms/2019/12/19/nominate-students-for-yha/>.

### 7. Notice of Call for Nominations.

Call for candidates for PTTA Executive for 2020-21. Contact Kathy Slovinsky [pttapastpres@mymts.net](mailto:pttapastpres@mymts.net) if you wish to run. Nominations are open until March 1, 2020. This date is extended to March 15th with signatures of 10 PTTA members. All positions on Executive are open.

### 8. Call for Delegates - 2020 MTS AGM

PTTA is eligible for 22 delegates. Dates for AGM are May 21-23, 2020. If you wish to be considered as a delegate, please contact Lise Legal [pttacb@mymts.net](mailto:pttacb@mymts.net).

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