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BGB New Board Member Orientation

School Board Governance and Operations

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NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION

Incumbent Trustees and Senior Administration shall help new Trustees become fully informed about the Board's functions, policies, procedures, and issues. Toward that end, a new Board member's orientation program shall include the following:

- 1. In the interim between appointment and actual assumption of office, the new Trustee will be invited to attend all meetings and functions, and will receive all communications normally sent to Board members.
- 2. The new Trustee will be furnished with selected materials dealing with information about the School Division, provincial education laws and regulations, and local policies and regulations. See BGB-E1.
- 3. A Special Meeting of the Board will be held prior to the Board Organizational Meeting (Inaugural Meeting), for the purpose of familiarizing new Trustees with Board and Division operations.

Or

A new Board Member Orientation Session will be conducted by the incumbent Chair of the Board and Senior Administration prior to the Board Organizational Meeting. See BGB-E2.

- A schedule of appointments with the administrative personnel shall be arranged to afford an
 opportunity for the new Trustee to discuss specific functions and concerns at different levels of
 operation.
- 5. The Board will encourage new Trustees to attend the annual "MSBA School for New Trustees" as sponsored by the Manitoba School Boards Association.

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