



ONTARIO PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION

Leading Education's Advocates



2016 Northern Regional Meeting Program Outline

October 14 – 15, 2016 Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay

Friday, October 14, 2016

Registration and Welcoming Reception

7:00 PM Registration

7:30 PM Opening Remarks

Laurie French | OPSBA President, Trustee
Limestone DSB

Labour Relations Update

- > Penny Mustin | Director, Labour Relations
- > Janet Edwards | Associate Director, Labour Relations, OPSBA

8:30 PM Reception

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8:15 AM Networking Breakfast

9:00 AM **Hon. Michael Gravelle, MPP**
(Thunder Bay – Superior North)
Minister of Northern Development and Mines

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9:15 AM **SHARING EFFECTIVE PRACTICES**

Equity and Inclusion in Rainbow Schools

This session will highlight the various strategies that support students, staff, parents and guardians in the area of equity and inclusion. Data will be shared as to the need in Rainbow and the various ways Rainbow is addressing these needs.

- > Lesleigh Dye, Superintendent of Schools

Rainbow DSB

9:45 AM **First Nation Students Graduation Coach Model**

The Graduation Coach Model, started in 2014 in the Keewatin-Patricia DSB, has resulted in significant improvements in indigenous student achievement at the secondary level. This multi-faceted work builds confidence in students and stakeholders, closes achievement gaps and transforms school culture.

- > Sean Monteith | Director of Education
- > Scott Urquhart | Student Success Lead

Keewatin Patricia DSB

10:15 AM Networking Break

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10:30 AM EMERGING ISSUES IN EDUCATION

Education Program and Mental Health

- > Judith Nyman | Director, Education Program, OPSBA

11:00 AM Finance

- > Wayne McNally | Director, Finance, OPSBA

Policy and Legislative Updates

- > Jennifer McIntyre | Director, Policy, OPSBA

11:30 AM SHARING EFFECTIVE PRACTICES

Every Day Counts

Early identification of school attendance issues are as crucial to a child's progress as is identification of learning difficulties. To combat absence, District School Board Ontario North East has developed a new strategy to focus on improved attendance by Elementary students.

- > Doug Shearer | Chair

DSB Ontario North East

12:00 PM Networking Lunch

12:45 PM SHARING EFFECTIVE PRACTICES

Information to follow

- > David Tamblyn | Director of Education

Superior-Greenstone District School Board

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1:15 PM Promoting Student Well-being and Achievement: What Can Schools Do?

Promoting Student Well-being is now one of the four pillars of education in Ontario. But what is well-being and how can it best be promoted in schools and classrooms? What is well-being's connection to achievement? This presentation will define student well-being, show its links to student achievement, and provide practical examples of how both can be best accomplished.

- > David Tranter | Mental Health Lead

Lakehead Public Schools

1:45 PM MINO BIMAADIZIWIN - means "leading a good life" in Nishnawbemowin

A cultural youth leadership camp which is grounded in community partnerships with the Ministry of Education, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay Police Services, O.P.P. and Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Center.

- > Sherri-Lynne Pharand | Superintendent of Education

Lakehead Public Schools

2:15 PM Connected North program - Application of Technology to improve student skills/learning

Information to follow

- > Heather Campbell | Director of Education

- > Dianne McCormack | Chair

Rainy River DSB

2:45 PM Northern Region Business Meeting

4:00 PM CLOSING REMARKS



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