

AGENDA

Friday, July 4

July 2008 Symposium: Building Networks for Learning

Location: Sheraton Centre Hotel, 123 Queen Street, Toronto M5H 2M9

Goals:

- Develop knowledge and skills related to teaching-learning networks
- Provide specific input on the high-yield strategies which are integral to teaching-learning networks
- Show how teaching-learning networks facilitate school improvement planning
- Support more focused board improvement planning
- Demonstrate alignment between the School Effectiveness Framework and teaching-learning networks
- Demonstrate the power of networks to improve student learning
- Facilitate focused conversation across schools and boards
- Provide information related to the role of supervisory officers in supporting the building and maintenance of effective networks

7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Grand West and Foyer	Breakfast	
8:45 a.m. – 8:55 a.m. Grand East	Welcome and Logistics	Issam Massouh Judith Taylor
8:55 a.m. – 9:10 a.m. Grand East	Setting Context for the Day	Patricia Manson
9:20 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. Grand East	Building Content Knowledge to Inform Networks Building Skills to Beat the Odds: Creating Effective Instructional Networks	Janet Allen
Essex Ballroom	Fostering Students' Understanding of Geometric Figures through Drawing	Akihiko Takahashi Kathy Kubota-Zarivnij
Conference B/C	Table Discussion – Demonstrating Alignment Between the School Effectiveness Framework and Networking Break to be decided by presenter/moderator in each room	Moderator: Patricia Manson Supervisory Officers: Larry Clifford Devona Crowe Lesleigh Dye Marianne Mazzorato Ron McNamara Cathy Montreuil Pat Stanley



11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Grand East	Greetings	DM Steve Marshall
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Grand West and Foyer	Lunch	
1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Grand East	Moving Forward	Ann Perron
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<p>Focused Regional Conversations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What have you learned from an initiative that has failed? • What has been embedded in your professional learning culture for such a long period of time that leaders would not be comfortable saying, “I don’t understand?” • To what extent are teacher learning and leader learning determined by student learning needs in your board? • As a system what are your plans to design networks to benefit student learning? 	Facilitated by Regional Team Leaders and LNS Student Achievement Officers
Conference F	North East / West (Thunder Bay/Sudbury)	
Essex Ballroom	Barrie	
Conference B/C	London East/West	
Conference G	Ottawa	
Grand East	Toronto	
Conference D/E	French Boards	
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	<p>Board team conversations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What new learnings did we gain? • What questions do we have now? • What are our next steps? 	

