

**CONNECTING OUR PEOPLE, PROCESSES  
AND SYSTEMS  
TO MANAGE INFORMATION FOR STUDENT  
ACHIEVEMENT**



**MISA SYMPOSIUM  
Kempfenfelt Centre  
Innisfil, Ontario  
February 27, 28 and March 1, 2006**

# Welcome

Welcome to the Barrie Region MISA symposium "Connecting Our People, Processes and Systems to Manage Information for Student Achievement".

MISA is a large-scale provincial initiative to increase provincial, district and school capacity to work with data and information to support improved student achievement.

For effective evidence-informed decision-making to occur in school systems, it is important for school boards / authorities and schools to move toward a common core capacity in the use of data to support student achievement.

While you are here, you will have opportunities to:

Extend your understanding of the MISA initiative

Become part of a MISA professional learning community

Engage in focused conversation around MISA

Strengthen formal and informal networking connections

As a participant, you will be invited to take an active role in the shaping of the symposium. You will share the responsibility of creating the "open space" agenda, determining the focus and content of the sessions and contributing to the learning of all other participants.

You should come to this symposium with questions, a perspective to share and a willingness to engage others in a collaborative dialogue about connecting people, processes and systems to manage information for student achievement.

You will need to have brought with you, your interest for the topic, your knowledge of the issues and your skills as an active listener.

You have been invited to attend because your contribution is valued and your support in making MISA a success is important.

# The Barrie Region Professional Network Centre

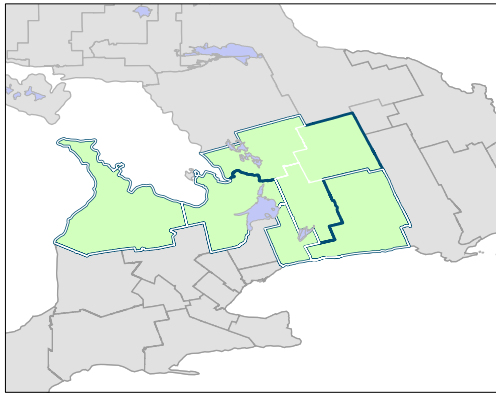
The Barrie Region is one of seven provincial MISA Professional Network Centres organized across the province of Ontario.

The Barrie Region Professional Network Centre is committed to supporting evidence-informed decision making, effective teaching and improved learning through a collaborative approach to sharing, developing and sustaining the capacity of people, processes and systems.

Beyond this Regional Symposium, the Centre is also organizing capacity building focus sessions in the areas of Technology, Data Management and Human Resources. As well, the Centre is building formal relationships with the larger educational research community fostering the collaborative approaches necessary for school boards/authorities to achieve a common core capacity in the use of data to support student achievement.

The member school boards/authorities of the Barrie Region include: Bluewater DSB, Bruce-Grey CDSB, Campbell Children's SA, Durham Catholic DSB, Durham DSB, Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB, Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington CDSB, Simcoe County DSB, Simcoe Muskoka CDSB and Trillium Lakelands DSB.

## The Barrie Region Professional Network Centre



# Symposium Agenda

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## **Monday February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

- 11:00 a.m.      Arrival and Check In
- 12:00 p.m.      Lunch
- 1:00 p.m.      Welcome and Opening Address – Location: Centre Hall
- 2:00 p.m.      Professional Learning Communities
- 4:30 p.m.      Break
- 5:30 p.m.      Dinner
- 6:30 p.m.      Introduction to “Open Space”
- 7:30 p.m.      Evening Activities

## **Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

- 7:30 a.m.      Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m.      “Opening Circle” – Location: Centre Hall
- 9:45 a.m.      Discussion 1
- 11:00 a.m.      Discussion 2
- 12:15 p.m.      Lunch
- 1:15 p.m.      Discussion 3
- 2:30 p.m.      Discussion 4
- 3:45 p.m.      Break
- 4:00 p.m.      “Evening News” – Location: Centre Hall
- 5:30 p.m.      Dinner
- 6:30 p.m.      Evening Activities

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## Wednesday March 1, 2006

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. "Morning News" – Location: Centre Hall
- 9:15 a.m. Board Teams
- 10:45 a.m. "Closing Circle" – Location: Centre Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Closing Remarks
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 12:00 p.m. Departure and Check Out



# Keynote



**Don Young**

**Director, Information Management Branch  
Ontario Ministry of Education**

Don Young became Director of the Information Management Branch, Instruction and Leadership Development Division at the Ontario Ministry of Education in October 2003. Prior to that he was Director of the Projects and Change Management Branch, Road User Safety Division, Ontario Ministry of Transportation.

Don has assumed a variety of challenging positions in central agencies and line departments in the public sector over his 26 year career. He has worked primarily in policy related positions and has been involved in a number of significant change initiatives within government. In addition to his time with the Ontario Public Service, Don has also worked for the Government of Saskatchewan.

Don is an avid sports fan and has coached youth hockey and baseball. A native of Lively, Ontario, Don holds an Honours B.A. in Political Science from the University of Waterloo and a Master of Public Administration from Queen's University.

# Presenters



**Karen Hume**

**Education Officer – Programs, 7-12  
Breakthrough Project  
Durham District School Board**

Karen Hume is an education officer with the Durham District School Board. She has been responsible for the development of the Student Success initiative in Durham since that program was first introduced by the government three years ago. Karen has created a number of organizational structures to support Student Success across a large board. One of these structures is a multi-school Professional Learning Community involving 120 people from 27 schools. In her time with you, Karen will share some of the many benefits, and a few challenges, of working on a large initiative through a PLC.



**Larry Peterson**  
**& Associates in Transformation**

***Enabling Ongoing Transformation with Spirit***

Larry Peterson is internationally recognized as one of the most experienced practitioners of Open Space Technology. Having worked in Open Space since 1990, Larry is a founding member of the Open Space Institute of Canada and has facilitated over 250 events ranging in scale from 8 to 600 participants.

In 1987, the Province of Ontario recognized Larry's leadership role in work with homelessness and networks of social services. Since becoming an independent consultant in 1991, he has also gained recognition for his ability to design and facilitate effective processes for both large and small groups through action, research and theory development on Complex Adaptive Systems, Spirited Organizations, Appreciative Inquiry, Organizational Awareness and Transformation, Networking and Change Leadership and e-Collaboration.

Throughout his 35 years of experience in enabling organizational change and effective change leadership, understanding and leading processes to engage productive leadership have been Larry's gifts. While a degree in Electrical Engineering provided him with an early understanding of systems and information technology, a subsequent Doctorate in Religious Studies provided him with a depth of understanding of people, their commitments and stories.

As a leader in understanding and implementing spirited performance in organizations, Larry comes to our Barrie Region Managing Information for Student Achievement Professional Network Centre symposium with unparalleled expertise in engaging stakeholders and communities of practice for complex projects.



# Managing Information for Student Achievement

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Symposium Organized by the MISA Barrie Region Professional Development Committee

Jeff Cole, *Simcoe Muskoka Catholic DSB*

Chris Conley, *Durham DSB*

Diane Kent, *Durham DSB*

Cec Knight, *Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB*

David Midwood, *Durham DSB*

Paul Podesta, *Durham Catholic DSB*

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