



WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

Through the voices of experienced and involved community leaders, of seasoned and creative administrators, and of North American experts on meaningful parent and community engagement, **learn how to develop school and board strategies for school and student success**, within your community. Join experienced, successful community leaders, creative administrators, and North American experts on meaningful parent and community engagement, in these presentations and workshops designed for educators, for parents, and for community representatives.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration desk opens at 8:00 a.m.

Delta Guelph Hotel and Conference Centre

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Registration includes

a breakfast buffet, morning/afternoon coffee breaks, a hot full course lunch, and an inclusive conference binder containing all presentations and workshops resource materials.

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PARENTS AND COMMUNITIES AS PARTNERS

Engaging in School and Student Success

April 28, 2009
Guelph, Ontario





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REGISTRATION FORM

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Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Administrators are encouraged to register a team of educators, parents, and community representatives.

SPACE IS LIMITED — REGISTER TODAY!

Parents and other community members play a vital role in the development and education of their children and in the success of our schools.

The Ontario Ministry of Education has been urging a new partnership among education community stakeholders, a partnership based on the three R's: Respect, Responsibility, and Results. Parents and community partners can play a vital role that enriches and extends the success of our schools. The Ministry's focus on improved student success makes effective parent involvement no longer just desirable, but absolutely essential.

Research confirms that strong community connections increase student achievement, reduce absenteeism, improve behaviour, and restore parental confidence. With the support of the new Office of Parent Engagement, the new Parent Involvement Policy requires parent involvement as a key provincial outcome for all schools in Ontario. As part of this new initiative, Parent Involvement Committees will be directly linked to Directors of Education and School Board Trustees to provide advice and to ensure authentic engagement. However, this engagement can really only flourish when appropriately focused and supported.

At this conference experienced and involved community leaders, successful creative administrators, and North American experts will show you how to develop school and board strategies for developing a positive focus and direction that will engage your community in a positive manner. Designed for school administrators, trustees, teachers, parent and community representatives, this event promises to bring together individuals and resources that will help you and your team develop meaningful effective strategies that will work for you.

Conference Schedule

9:00 a.m. – Welcome

by Deb Matthews, Minister of Children and Youth Services.

9:30 a.m. – Opening

by Annie Kidder, Executive Director of People for Education, an independent parent-led organization, working to improve public education in Ontario's English, Catholic and French schools.

10:00 a.m. – Keynote Morning Presentation

by Dr. Debbie Pushor — Associate Professor in the Department of Curriculum Studies in the College of Education at the University of Saskatoon, and author of the paper 'Parent Engagement and Student Success, 2007'.

12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. – Lunch Break

12:45 p.m. – Afternoon 2 Choices

1. Keynote Afternoon Presentation

by Dr. JoBeth Allen — Professor of Language and Literacy Education at the University of Georgia, recipient of the first John Chorlton Manning Public School Service Award, and author of numerous books, including 'Creating Welcoming Schools: A Practical Guide to Home-School Partnerships with Diverse Families'.

OR

2. Two consecutive afternoon workshops

12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. — Catholic Principals Council of Ontario workshop presentation on best practices for local School Councils — followed by 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. — London District Catholic School Council and Thames Valley Parent Involvement Committee presentation on "A Blue Print for Success: Learn, Network, Connect, Participate, and Share Effective Engagement Practices."

Teams of educators, parents, and community representatives are encouraged to split attendance between both choices.

NAME _____

NUMBER OF REGISTRANTS IN PARTY _____

SCHOOL BOARD _____

SCHOOL PHONE _____ FAX _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ PROVINCE _____ POSTAL CODE _____

EMAIL _____

Please indicate the afternoon breakout session you would like to attend. If you're registering a school/community team, indicate the number of participants in each afternoon choice.

Dr. JoBeth Allen Two Afternoon Workshops

No. _____ No. _____

REGISTRATION FEE: \$195/person if an Ontario ASCD or partnership Board member, \$235/person if not. \$50 discount for Northern Ontario registrants, and 10% discount for teams of 3 or more. (includes GST, breakfast buffet, coffee breaks, hot full course lunch, and resource binder)

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