

Speakers' Series – Connected Conversations –
Parents And Teachers Helping Students Learn

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

Connecting Schools And Families



Speaker: Dr. Debbie Pushor

Location: Adult High School – Auditorium, 300 Rochester Street Ottawa, ON

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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The speaking engagement is free of charge however seating availability will be on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SEATED BASIS**. The venue will accommodate 1200 so you are encouraged to arrive early to ensure the seat of your choice. Requests for reserved seating cannot be accommodated. Child care registration forms and further information are available at www.ocdsb.ca - OCDSB Speakers' Series.

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Debbie’s early career was with Edmonton Public Schools where she worked as a teacher, a consultant, a principal and a central services administrator. Her experiences as a parent of school-aged children caused her to attend to the positioning of parents in relation to schools and prompted the focus of her doctoral work. Debbie graduated from the University of Alberta in 2001 with a PhD in elementary education. She taught at St. Francis Xavier University from 2001 to 2004. Currently, Debbie is an associate professor in the Department of Curriculum Studies at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. She has research underway which is exploring what parent knowledge is and how it is held and used, and she has completed research at Princess Alexandra Community School in Saskatoon exploring how we can move from practices of parent involvement in schools to practices of parent engagement and leadership.

Debbie is the mother of three sons, Cohen who is 19 years old and Teague and Quinn who are age 15. For more information about Debbie, visit <http://www.debbiepushor.com/>

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Parking and OC Transpo Bus Service

Limited free parking is available in the Adult High School parking lot, accessible off Gladstone Street (not Rochester) with the lot located behind the school. City parking and metered street parking is also available nearby. Car-pooling is strongly encouraged. The Auditorium is located in a separate building than the Adult High School. Directional signage will be posted.

300 Rochester Street is located near the Queensway/174. Major bus routes running close are: Bus # 3, 14 and 153. All timetables and stop numbers are available at: www.octranspo.com

Child Care Services

Adult High School has a full time child care facility on site operated by experienced providers. The service will be provided free of charge, but is available on a limited basis and through **advance registration**. Child care will be provided for children between 6 months and 11 years of age. Children under 6 months can remain with the parent / guardian. Parents / guardians must be attending the speaking engagement in the facility and be accessible in case of emergency.

PLEASE ENSURE TO RETURN THE COMPLETED CHILD CARE REGISTRATION FORM BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2009. The form, event poster and details are available on the OCDSB website at www.ocdsb.ca.

Upon receipt of the child care registration form, confirmation of child care services will be sent to you prior to the event.

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