



ONTARIO PUBLIC
SCHOOL BOARDS'
ASSOCIATION

Leading Education's Advocates

28th Annual General Meeting & Program

June 9 - 11, 2016
Ottawa Marriott Hotel
Ottawa, ON

PROGRAM



AT A GLANCE

Thursday, June 9

Friday, June 10

Saturday, June 11

Sunday, June 12

Thursday, June 9

Evening

4:00 PM

FIRST NATIONS
COUNCIL MEETING
Capital/Carleton, 2nd floor

4:00 – 6:30 PM

REGISTRATION
Victoria Foyer, 2nd floor

6:30 – 7:30 PM

REGISTRATION CONTINUES
Summit, 28th floor

7:30 PM

WELCOME RECEPTION
Summit, 28th floor

Friday, June 10

Morning

8:00 AM
REGISTRATION
CONTINUES
Victoria Foyer, 2nd floor

8:00 – 8:45 AM
NETWORKING
BREAKFAST
Victoria South, 2nd floor

9:00 AM
WELCOME ADDRESS
FIRST NATION GREETING

9:00 AM
CORE CREATIVITY: HOW TO BRING
CREATIVITY, INNOVATION AND
INSPIRATION TO THE WORK THAT
YOU DO
Keynote speaker:
David Usher
Victoria North, 2nd floor

10:15 AM
NETWORKING BREAK
INTEREST GROUPS –
ISSUES DISCUSSIONS
SCHOOL CLOSURES - ARC'S
Wellington, 3rd floor
CODE OF CONDUCT
Rideau, 3rd floor
SPECIAL EDUCATION
Capital/Carleton, 2nd floor
COMMUNICATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA
Dalhousie, 3rd floor

11:15 AM
10 MINUTE SESSIONS
CAMP WONDER SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

ENRICHMENT AND INNOVATION CENTRE
PROGRAM AT HWDSB

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

ADVANCING STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND
REDUCING ABSENTEEISM

JUNIOR CODING TO IMPROVE
COMPUTATIONAL THINKING SKILLS

PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN -
FUND THE NEED

SSNET

Victoria North, 2nd floor

12:30 PM
LUNCH
Victoria South, 2nd floor

1:45 PM
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WORKING
TOGETHER: SCHOOL BOARDS AND
COUNCILS
Victoria North, 2nd floor

2:45 PM
NOMINATION PERIOD
Victoria North, 2nd floor

3:15 PM
REFRESHMENT BREAK

3:30 PM
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Victoria North, 2nd floor

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

3:30 PM
INNOVATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR
CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN CARE
Victoria South, 2nd floor
A REFRESHER ON SCHOOL CLOSURES
Wellington, 3rd floor

Evening
SAVOUR OTTAWA
Dinner on your own

Saturday, June 11

Morning

7:30 AM
FIRST NATIONS
ELECTIONS
Capital/Carleton, 2nd floor

8:00 – 8:45 AM
BREAKFAST
Victoria South, 2nd floor

9:00
SYSTEM ALIGNMENT FOR DEEP
LEARNING
Victoria North, 2nd floor

10:00 AM
NETWORKING BREAK
Victoria Foyer, 2nd floor

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
AUDIT COMMITTEES AND
REGIONAL INTERNAL AUDITS
Victoria North, 2nd floor

COMMUNICATIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH:
PLANNING FOR STRATEGIC SUCCESS
Victoria South, 2nd floor

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AND
PRIVATE/IN-CAMERA MEETINGS
Wellington, 3rd floor

12:00 PM
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
ELECTIONS
Victoria North, 2nd floor

12:30 PM
PAST PRESIDENTS' LUNCH
AWARDS PRESENTATION
Victoria North, 2nd floor

Afternoon

2:00 PM
SCOTT CARPENTER,
METIS NATION
Victoria North, 2nd floor

2:30 PM
10 MINUTE SESSIONS

HARRIET TUBMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL AND
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF ST. CATHERINES

SUCCESSFUL INTEGRATION OF NEWCOMER
FAMILIES

ENCOURAGING VOICE – NATIVE STUDENT
LEADERSHIP

“FROM THE GRASSROOTS” – TEACHER
INNOVATION PROJECTS IN KPR

THEATRE OUT REACH ON STAGE (TOROS)
30 YEARS OF MAGIC

FUTURES FORUM INITIATIVE : AN OPEN
MINDED APPROACH TO APPLYING NON
TRADITIONAL SOLUTIONS TO TRADITIONAL
PROBLEMS

MESSAGE MAPS – HOW WE “STAY ON
MESSAGE” IN TLDSB

Victoria North, 2nd floor

3:45 PM
OPSBA REGIONAL
COUNCIL ELECTIONS
EASTERN Wellington, 3rd floor
WESTERN Rideau, 3rd floor
CENTRAL EAST Victoria South, 2nd
floor
CENTRAL WEST Capital/Carleton,
2nd floor
NORTHERN Victoria North, 2nd
floor

Evening

7:00 PM RECEPTION

7:30 PM
PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL
DINNER
Summit, 28th floor

Sunday, June 12

8:00 AM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ORGANIZATIONAL
BREAKFAST MEETING
Victoria North, 2nd floor

Thursday, June 9

4:00 PM
FIRST NATION TRUSTEES COUNCIL MEETING
Capital/Carleton, 2nd floor

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4:00 – 6:30 PM
REGISTRATION
Victoria Foyer, 2nd floor

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6:30 – 7:30 PM
REGISTRATION CONTINUES
Summit, 28th floor*

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7:30 PM
WELCOME RECEPTION
STUDENT ENTERTAINMENT
The Longfields Longtones
*Longfields-Davidson Heights Secondary School, Ottawa-Carleton
District School Board*
Summit, 28th floor*

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NETWORKING BREAKFAST
Victoria South, 2nd floor

9:00 AM
WELCOME ADDRESS/ FIRST NATION GREETING
Victoria North, 2nd floor

Speakers Michael Barrett, President, OPSBA and Chair, Durham District School Board
Peter Garrow, Trustee, Upper Canada DSB and First Nations Representative, OPSBA Board of Directors and Akwesasne

9:15 AM
CORE CREATIVITY: HOW TO BRING CREATIVITY, INNOVATION
AND INSPIRATION TO THE WORK THAT YOU DO
Victoria North, 2nd floor



David Usher, solo artist and frontman for the rock band Moist, has won countless awards and sold-out venues all over the world, and has worked tirelessly to improve his creative process. He believes that creativity is a learnable skill that anyone can master.

David shares his fascinating formula to stimulating creativity through a mix of music, video, and experimentation, and brings to life the core elements needed to build a more dynamic, fulfilling, and innovative creative process at work.

Speaker David Usher
Jonathan Gallivan, Guitarist

10:15 AM
NETWORKING BREAK
INTEREST GROUPS – ISSUES DISCUSSIONS

Discussion 1
School Closures - ARC's
 Wellington, 3rd floor

Discussion 2
Code of Conduct
 Rideau, 3rd floor

Discussion 3
Special Education
 Capital/Carleton, 2nd floor

Discussion 4
Communications and Social Media
 Dalhousie, 3rd floor

*Refreshments
 served in each
 room*

11:15 AM
10 MINUTE SESSIONS
 Victoria North, 2nd floor

GREATER ESSEX COUNTY DSB
Camp Wonder summer learning program

The achievement of the Camp Wonder experience includes improved achievement in the area of literacy and numeracy, the minimization of summer learning loss, the reinforcement of academics, positive social interactions and healthy lifestyles.

We have included opportunities for our indigenous students to study their language, culture and history and for our French learners to have some valuable time in the summer to hone their oral language skills. We run a number of “camps” for our students filled with fun, food and learning.

Presenters Erin Kelly, Director
 Connie Buckler, Chair

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Friday, June 10

HAMILTON–WENTWORTH DSB

Enrichment and Innovation Centre Program at HWDSB

The Enrichment and Innovation Centre is considered a “Maker Space Community” with a strong focus on STEM principles, Problem Based Learning, Design Thinking and Arts Education, each with an overriding theme of Social Justice and Environmental Education. The Inquiry driven model was designed with specific attention to enriched programming, environmental considerations (physical space), online and blended learning, and community partnerships. For more information: <https://youtu.be/p7xVW70jtbs>

Presenters Manny Figueiredo, Director
Todd White, Chair

OTTAWA-CARLETON DSB

International Certificate Program

The International Certificate Program (ICP) is an equitable and accessible program meant to formally recognize students who have gone above and beyond in the pursuit of global citizenship and intercultural awareness. Students enrolled in the program have access to opportunities, locally, nationally and internationally, of which they might not otherwise be aware. This is managed through volunteer teacher advisors at each ICP school as well as through an e-learning site called the D2L: Desire2Learn. The requirement to study an international language (other than English or French) increases student engagement in the field of language learning, which is highly valued in today’s globalized marketplace.

Presenters Shirley Seward, Chair
Jennifer Adams, Director
Geoff Best, Executive Director

DSB ONTARIO NORTH EAST

Advancing Student Engagement and Reducing Absenteeism with 1:1 iPads in Grades 7 to 10

Leveraging the “Technology for Learning Fund,” and the “21st Century Research Project” funding, we embarked on a 1:1 iPad project. The project, now in its second year, has shown student improvement in engagement, improved attendance, and improved achievement. Classroom teachers are supported, through an iCoach, so that technology is used meaningfully in the classroom, and the SAMR model is being used to ensure that technology is redefining the type of thinking tasks our students are engaged in.

Presenter Doug Shearer, Chair

TRILLIUM LAKELANDS DSB

Junior Coding to Improve Computational Thinking Skills

38 classrooms, 1,105 students, and tons of excitement! We are referring to Trillium Lakelands District School Board’s Junior Division Coding Project.

We know that most students are proficient at using programs on computers, but they usually do not understand how the computer is executing the commands. We are changing this. No longer is a computer or a smartphone going to be perceived to be working by ‘magic’. Coding is a fun and engaging way to teach students logical thinking, problem solving, persistence, collaboration and communication. Come and hear more!

Presenters Dianna Scates, Superintendent of ICT, Elementary/Secondary Operations and Alternate Education
Tina Fraser, ICT Consultant

Friday, June 10

DURHAM DSB

Public Awareness Campaign - Fund the Need

The Durham District School Board provides special education services to more than 15,000 or One in Four students. The number of students with special needs is growing. Adding to the challenge, student needs are more complex requiring increased resources and programming. For example, the number of students with very high needs requiring assistance by more than two adults, has tripled. Special Education Funding is not keeping up with the increased need and the gap is growing.

This is the challenge facing the DDSB and this is why the Board of Trustees is undertaking a public awareness campaign to ask the provincial government to Fund the Need.

Presenter Michael Barrett, Chair & OPSBA President
Donna Edwards, Trustee

YORK REGION DSB

SSNet

Meeting participants will be provided with a high-level overview of SSNet, a unique web-based tool designed to support the program planning process for students. This secure on-line platform provides staff members with access, from any device, to student information so that they can best meet their personal learning needs. Staff members are able to view, create, edit and share student information and reports. This resource may also be used to communicate directly with parents and other staff members and submit and track Special Education Amount resources. The value of this tool to parents, teachers and students will be demonstrated throughout the presentation.

Presenters Nancy Elgie and Corrie McBain, Trustees

12:30 PM

LUNCH

Victoria South, 2nd floor

1:45 PM

**MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WORKING TOGETHER: SCHOOL
BOARDS AND COUNCILS**

Victoria North, 2nd floor

Municipal politics is the closest and most personal level of government for many Ontarians. From shared green spaces, to child care, community hubs and nutrition programs, the panel, with representatives from the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board and the City of Ottawa, will highlight the successes and challenges of working together to support vibrant communities with thriving schools.

Moderator Laurie French, OPSBA 1st V.P.; Trustee, Limestone DSB

Panelists Riley Brockington, Ottawa City Councillor

Michael Carson, Chief Financial Officer, Ottawa Carleton DSB

Shirley Seward, Chair, Ottawa Carleton DSB

Aaron Burry, General Manager, Community and Social Services for the City of Ottawa



Friday, June 10

2:45 PM
NOMINATION PERIOD
for the Executive Officers of the Association

3:15 PM
REFRESHMENT BREAK (inside your workshop room)

3:30 PM
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Victoria North, 2nd floor

3:30 PM
WORKSHOPS CONCURRENT with the AGM

Workshop 1

Innovative Education Programs for Children and Youth in Care

Victoria South, 2nd floor

In 2013, the Ministry of Education invited all school boards to submit proposals in order to secure funds to support the development and implementation of programs to improve the educational outcomes and well-being of Children and Youth in Care.

This presentation will outline the development and implementation of programs that offer students a safe and supportive environment. Key goals of the programs are to encourage students to obtain credits, develop the skills needed to be resilient, and to develop healthy relationships within their school and broader community.

Speakers Scott Buffam, Chair of the RCDSB Character Development Committee
Jacqueline Poirier, Student Success Leader, Renfrew County DSB



Workshop 2

A Refresher on School Closures

Wellington, 3rd floor

Few Board issues can galvanize community activism like the possibility of a school closure or consolidation. With pupil accommodation funding becoming increasingly scarce, such decisions must be confronted with increasing frequency. They require political acumen as well as an understanding of the Board's legal rights and obligations - nothing can be more pedagogically paralyzing or politically destructive than a Court Order overturning a decision reached after many months of study and debate.

This workshop, presented by veterans of past closure processes, will address the issues from the perspective of preserving school community relations while avoiding the legal pitfalls.

Speakers Michael Hines, Partner, Hicks Morley LLP

W.R. (Rusty) Hick, Director of Education, Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB



EVENING

SAVOUR OTTAWA - Dinner on your own

Saturday, June 11

7:30 AM
FIRST NATIONS ELECTIONS
Capital/Carleton, 2nd floor

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM
BREAKFAST
Victoria South, 2nd floor

9:00 AM
SYSTEM ALIGNMENT FOR DEEP LEARNING
Victoria North, 2nd floor



Deep and enduring learning has, at its heart, a focus on assessment and yet it is not enough to hold that focus on student learning alone. Join Sandra Herbst, a former Superintendent and Past President of the Manitoba Association of School Superintendents, as she engages you in thinking about the power of also using assessment as a leadership tool for adult, school and system learning. Her recent research reveals that we must move beyond leaders who know what classroom innovations should look like and how to support teachers in implementing those innovations. When leaders stop there, they may abdicate the essence of their leadership. However, when leaders employ the tenets of assessment as their leadership stance and action, there is an incredible and measurable impact on everyone's learning.

Speaker Sandra Herbst, CEO, connect2learning.

10:00 AM
NETWORKING BREAK
Victoria Foyer, 2nd floor

10:30 AM
THREE CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

Workshop 1
Audit Committees and Regional Internal Audits
 Victoria North, 2nd floor

This session will include discussion about the role and function of school board Audit Committees and the Regional Internal Audit initiative. Dan Duszczyzyn has been conducting an independent review on behalf of the ministry and will be joined by Thames Valley DSB trustee Ruth Tisdale, who is also a Certified Professional Accountant (CPA, CA).

Moderator Wayne McNally, OPSBA Director of Finance

Panelists Dan Duszczyzyn, Regional Internal Audit Coordinator,
 Ministry of Education

Ruth Tisdale, Trustee, Thames Valley District



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Saturday, June 11

Workshop 2

Communications and Mental Health: Planning for Strategic Success

Victoria South, 2nd floor

Building a child and youth mental health and well-being program requires commitment in your organization's strategic directions to create organizational change.

Communications represents the foundational stages of how knowledge transfer exchange will occur. Being proactive in your communications will entice your varied audiences to learn more about upcoming plans for mental health literacy, suicide intervention policy, mental health promotion programs and engage conversation with children and youth about what wellness means to them.

Speakers Heather Carter, School Mental Health and Well-Being Lead
Shawn McKillop, Manager of Communications and Community Relations, Grand Erie District School Board



Workshop 3

Municipal Elections and Private/In-Camera Meetings

Wellington, 3rd floor

This interactive workshop will include discussion and Q. and A. on the following topics:

- an overview of the changes brought under Bill 181, Municipal Elections Modernization Act - Candidate and School Board Requirements for 2018
- Private/In-Camera Meetings - Best Practices for Agendas, Motions and Minutes.

Speakers Sheila MacKinnon, Partner, Shibley Righton LLP
Jennifer McIntyre, Director of Policy, OPSBA



12:00 PM

EXECUTIVE OFFICER ELECTIONS

Victoria North, 2nd floor

12:30 PM

**PAST PRESIDENTS' LUNCH
AWARDS PRESENTATION**

Victoria North, 2nd floor

2:00 PM

SCOTT CARPENTER

Manager, Education, Way of Life and Special Projects, Métis Nation of Ontario

Victoria North, 2nd floor

2:30 PM

10 MINUTE SESSIONS

Victoria North, 2nd floor

DSB NIAGARA

**Harriet Tubman Public School and Partnership with the
City of St. Catherines**

The DSBN and the City of St. Catharines created a unique partnership during one of our newest school builds, Harriet Tubman Public School.

Not only would we like to highlight this state of the art school, the community involvement in its naming and the relationship and connection that this iconic freedom fighter, Harriet Tubman has to the City of St. Catharines, but we would also like to highlight the partnership between our Board and The City of St. Catharines regarding use of the City park right behind the school.

Presenter Diane Chase, Trustee

Saturday, June 11

TORONTO DSB

Successful Integration of Newcomer Families

Facilitating an effective integration for newcomers to Toronto and TDSB schools is imperative for success. Nearly 60% of our families speak over 100 languages other than English at home; 22% of our 235,000 school-aged children and more than 84% of our 12,000 adult learners were born outside of Canada. Using a multi-disciplinary approach we cultivate an environment that propels us to intentionally increase global competencies in our communities through culturally relevant resources and pedagogies. Working with community and local immigrant organizations, we create successful resettlement experiences, where students see themselves reflected in the schools they are attending.

Presenters John Malloy, Director of Education

Jerry Chadwick, Gerri Gershon, Parthi Kandavel, Shelley Laskin, Trustees

UPPER CANADA DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Encouraging Voice – Native Student Leadership

This presentation highlights an innovative program created by the Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB) which fosters pride and creates authentic space for the voices of our First Nations, Métis and Inuit students. The UCDSB Native Student Leadership program is an integral part of our committing to an indigenous self-identification strategy, instilling pride and to student well-being. While the program began with a handful of youth, it has now grown to over 100 youth in grades 9-12.

The presentation will speak to the UCDSB Native Student Leadership journey, our collaborations with Elders and indigenous knowledge keepers, and the focus on working to cultivate voice among our students who are First Nations, Métis, or Inuit. We will also discuss the current tensions and issues this success brings, the measures in place to evaluate success and the anecdotal feedback about the program's impact. The presentation will conclude with a narrative about our learnings, the foundation of trust that has been built through the program, and advice for initiating this program in other Districts.

Presenters Stephen Sliwa, Director of Education

Susan Edwards, Superintendent of School

Peter Garrow, Trustee First Nations, Representative, Akwesasne and OPSBA Board of Directors

Bill Montgomery, Aboriginal Education Program Resource Teacher

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DSB

"From the Grassroots" – teacher innovation projects in KPR

The Ministry of Education, through CODE, has provided specific funding to all school boards in Ontario to “support the advancement of province-wide effective technology-enabled innovations in teaching and student learning.”

In Kawartha Pine Ridge we decided that we wanted to continue to encourage innovative, grassroots thinking that will directly support classroom projects.

We directly sought out teachers or groups of teachers with ideas that would provide opportunities supported by technology for students and teachers to be innovative, creative and imaginative. Ideas needed to aim to enhance and build collaborative learning partnerships between and among students and/or staff, and/or parents, and/or be focused on deepening individual student learning. This was not restricted by the type of technology, the grade level, or the subject.

In a direct email to teachers by the director, over 100 project applications were received in the winter of 2015 and 92 different proposals were received this winter.

This 10 minute presentation will highlight some of those projects.

Presenter W.R. (Rusty) Hick, Director of Education

NEAR NORTH DSB

Theatre Out Reach On Stage

Now in its 30th year, Theatre Out Reach On Stage (TOROS) gives grade 7-12 students the opportunity to earn a summer arts credit by participating in a full two-act musical theatre production. Students build skills in dance, music and drama or in visual arts through painting, prop making, and costuming. They experience community outreach, some have the chance to earn co-op credits, and some may even be mentors for younger students. But ask any student and the first thing they talk about is the fun, friendships, and social interaction that a TOROS summer provides to them.

Presenter Michelina Beam, Trustee

Saturday, June 11

WATERLOO REGION DSB

Futures Forum Initiative : An Open Minded Approach to Applying Non Traditional Solutions to Traditional Problems

The Futures Forum Project (FFP) is an integrated approach to Inquiry and Project-Based learning for Grade 10 Academic/Applied English, Civics and Careers courses. Learning is centred around the “4 Any’s”: Anyone, Anything, Anytime, Anywhere. Students in FFP collaborate with classmates and peers from other schools online through various projects. They follow Ontario curriculum focusing on developing their 21st century skills through the use of technology and fostering soft skills like the ‘6 Cs’.

Presenter Kathi Smith, Trustee

TRILLIUM LAKELANDS DSB

Message Maps – How we “stay on message” in TLDSB

Message maps are provided to our spokesperson as well as trustees and system leaders in Trillium Lakelands District School Board whenever there is an issue of high concern, high stress, or high anxiety. This communication tool keeps everyone on the same page and is developed using an understanding of some basic behavioural science. In this session, learn how a message map is developed, why it helps to gain or regain trust in the organization, and in what circumstances it is used in our school board.

Presenter Catherine Shedden, APR, Communications Manager

3:45 PM

OPSBA REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

EASTERN	Wellington, 3rd floor
WESTERN	Rideau, 3rd floor
CENTRAL EAST	Victoria South, 2nd floor
CENTRAL WEST	Capital/Carleton, 2nd floor
NORTHERN	Victoria North, 2nd floor

7:00 PM
RECEPTION
Summit, 28th floor*

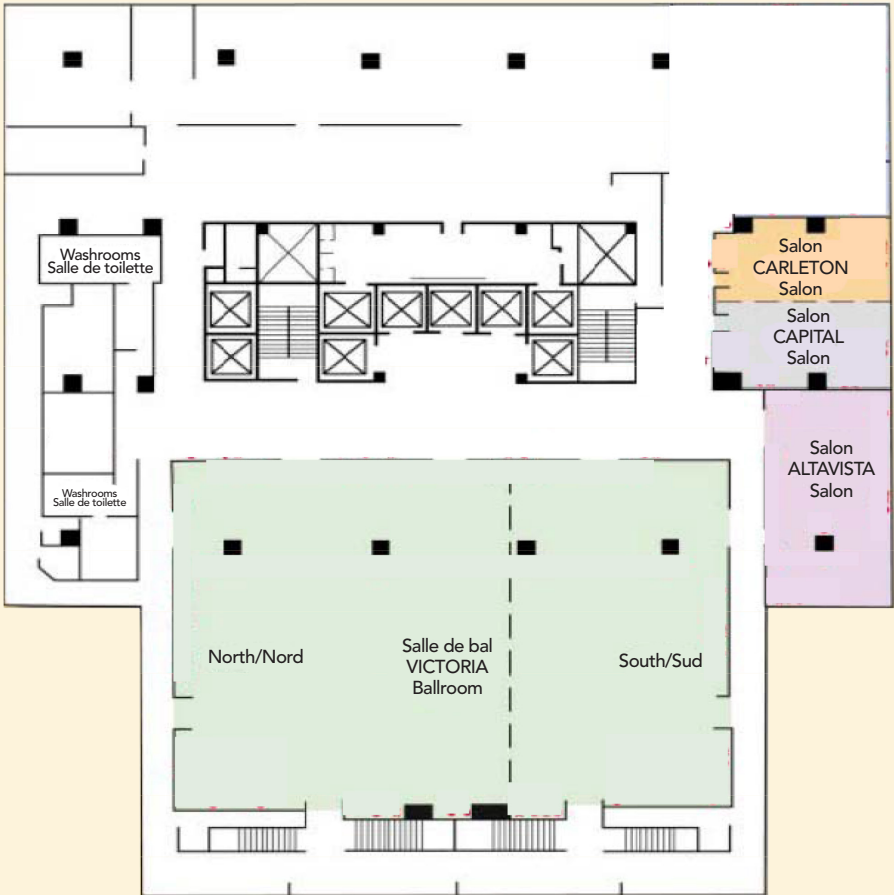
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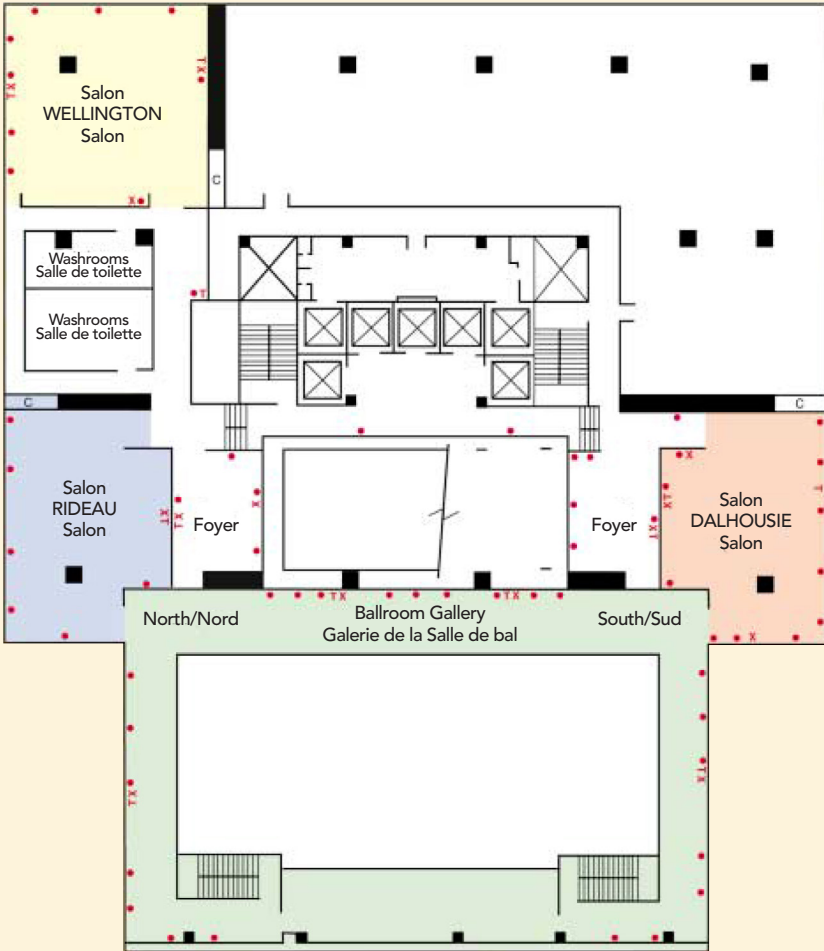
Sunday, June 12

8:00 AM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ORGANIZATIONAL BREAKFAST MEETING
Victoria North, 2nd floor

2nd Floor Plan



3rd Floor Plan



Future Events

Northern Region Meeting and Program

OCTOBER 14 – 15, 2016

Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay

Public Education Symposium

JANUARY 19 – 21, 2017

Sheraton Hotel, Toronto

Education Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium

DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

Sheraton Hotel, Toronto

OPSBA AGM and Program

JUNE 8 – 11, 2017

The Westin Trillium House

Blue Mountain, Collingwood



Notes



OTTAWA-CARLETON
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Thank you so much to the
Ottawa-Carleton District School
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and your gracious hospitality
at the 2016 OPSBA AGM.

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