

## Saturday, October 15, 2016 continued

1:45 PM

**Mino Bimaadiziwin - means "Leading a Good Life" in Nishnawbemowin**

A cultural youth leadership camp which is grounded in community partnerships with the Ministry of Education, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay Police Services, O.P.P. and Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Center.

- > Sherri-Lynne Phatand | Superintendent of Education  
**Lakehead Public Schools**

2:15 PM

**Connected North Program - Application of Technology to Improve Student Skills/Learning**

A unique program that brings exciting new educational opportunities to students in remote Canadian communities. Within the Rainy River DSB, the program allows the Grades 6, 7 and 8 students at Mine Centre School to learn from experts in a wide variety of areas, to participate in virtual field trips, and to build relationships with students in other communities across Canada.

- > Heather Campbell | Director of Education
- > Dianne McCormack | Chair  
**Rainy River District School Board**

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**NORTHERN REGION BUSINESS MEETING**

4:00 PM Closing remarks

## FUTURE EVENTS 2017

**Public Education Symposium**

January 19 - 21, 2017 : Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto

**Education Labour Relations and Human Resources**

April 6 - 7, 2017 : Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto

**OPSBA AGM and Program**

June 8 - 10, 2017 : Westin Trillium House Blue Mountain, Collingwood

# NORTHERN REGIONAL MEETING AND PROGRAM 2016

October 14 - 15, 2016  
Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay

## Friday, October 14, 2016 Registration and Welcoming Reception

7:00 PM Registration

7:30 PM Opening Remarks

Laurie French | OPSBA President, Trustee Limestone District School Board

### Labour Relations Update

- > Penny Mustin | Director, Labour Relations
- > Janet Edwards | Associate Director, Labour Relations, OPSBA

8:30 PM Reception



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Leading Education's Advocates

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8:15 AM Networking Breakfast

9:00 AM **Hon. Michael Gravelle, MPP**  
(Thunder Bay – Superior North)  
Minister of Northern Development and Mines

9:15 AM **SHARING EFFECTIVE PRACTICES**

### **Equity and Inclusion in Rainbow Schools**

This session will highlight the various strategies that support students, staff, parents and guardians in the area of equity and inclusion. Data will be shared as to the need in Rainbow and the various ways Rainbow is addressing these needs.

> Lesleigh Dye | Superintendent of Schools

### **Rainbow District School Board**

9:45 AM

### **First Nation Students Graduation Coach Model**

The Graduation Coach Model, started in 2014 in the Keewatin-Patricia DSB, has resulted in significant improvements in Indigenous student achievement at the secondary level. This multi-faceted work builds confidence in students and stakeholders, closes achievement gaps and transforms school culture.

> Sean Monteith | Director of Education

> Scott Urquhart | Student Success Lead

### **Keewatin-Patricia District School Board**

10:15 AM Networking Break

10:30 AM

### **EMERGING ISSUES IN EDUCATION**

### **Education Program and Mental Health**

> Judith Nyman | Director, Education Program, OPSBA

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### **Education Finance**

> Wayne McNally | Director, Finance, OPSBA

### **Policy and Legislative Updates**

> Jennifer McIntyre | Director, Policy, OPSBA

11:30 AM

### **SHARING EFFECTIVE PRACTICES**

### **Every Day Counts**

Early identification of school attendance issues are as crucial to a child's progress as is identification of learning difficulties.

To combat absence, District School Board Ontario North East has developed a new strategy to focus on improved attendance by Elementary students.

> Doug Shearer | Chair

### **District School Board Ontario North East**

12:00 PM

Networking Lunch

12:45 PM

### **SHARING EFFECTIVE PRACTICES**

### **Engaging Students & Community**

### **To follow**

> Allison Pelletier | Trustee

> Kim Figliomeni | Trustee

### **Superior-Greenstone District School Board**

1:15 PM

### **Promoting Student Well-being and Achievement:**

### **What Can Schools Do?**

Student Well-being is now one of the four pillars of education in Ontario. This presentation will define student well-being, show its links to student achievement, and provide practical examples of how both can be best accomplished.

> David Tranter | Mental Health Lead

### **Lakehead Public Schools**