

JULY 5-7, 2018

CSBA CONGRESS 2018



**THE WESTIN NOVA
SCOTIAN HOTEL**

**HALIFAX
NOVA SCOTIA**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

4:00 p.m.
Atlantic Ballroom

CSBA CONGRESS REGISTRATION

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Commonwealth Foyer

OPENING CEREMONY

6:00 p.m.
Commonwealth Ballroom A



FLOYD MARTENS
President, CSBA;
Past President of MSBA and Trustee,
Mountain View School Division,
Manitoba

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER
MOVING FROM PROCESS TO PROGRESS**

6:15 p.m.
Commonwealth Ballroom A



**REV. LENNETT
ANDERSON** Ph.D.

This dynamic speech will bring inspiration to those in leadership, creating fresh ideas to vision and moving forward.

A forward focus is mandatory in navigating the waters in our education systems. Key points will be raised regarding moving from the process to making progress.

**CSBA PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION
HOST BAR**

7:15 – 9:00 p.m.
Commonwealth Ballroom A & B

EXHIBIT



8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Commonwealth Foyer

BREAKFAST

8:00 a.m.
Atlantic Ballroom

**DECOLONIZING EDUCATION:
NOURISHING THE LEARNING SPIRIT**

9:00 a.m.
Commonwealth Ballroom A



MARIE BATTISTE
Ph.D.
Professor, Department
of Educational
Foundations,
University of
Saskatchewan

This presentation chronicles the nature of Eurocentrism, its foundations and imposition through education on Indigenous peoples together with its devastating impacts on them, their knowledge systems, and their self-determination. The consequences of the denial of treaties, the subjection and oppression of Indigenous peoples have been Canada's dark history leading to the Truth and Reconciliation's Report urging reconciliation, calls to action and a new relationship with Indigenous peoples. This presentation will relay decolonizing theory and practices, the costs of ongoing colonial practices and the benefits to all for reconciling Indigenous knowledge with the humanities and social sciences, and trans-systemic transformations to achieve social justice and human rights.

BREAK

10:00 a.m.
Commonwealth Foyer

**WHAT IS MENTAL HEALTH LITERACY
AND HOW CAN WE ACHIEVE IT?**

10:30 a.m.
Commonwealth Ballroom A



DR. STAN KUTCHER
ONS, MD, FRCPC,
FCAHS

Mental health literacy (MHL) is the foundation for mental health promotion, prevention and care. Integration of MHL into school settings when properly applied using a unique and innovative best evidence based intervention has demonstrated improved outcomes for both students and teachers. This presentation will provide information on how this can be frugally and sustainably achieved and will take the audience through some MHL in the process.

**MOVING BEYOND THE FOUR DS OF MULTICULTURALISM:
TAKING DIFFERENCE INTO ACCOUNT IN EDUCATION**

11:30 a.m.
Commonwealth
Ballroom A



BLYE FRANK Ph.D.
Dean,
Faculty of Education,
University of British
Columbia

When diversity education is approached as a celebration of multiculturalism rather than integrated into the curriculum, it is possible to reinforce harmful stereotypes. Education that fosters inclusivity and equity moves beyond what is commonly known as 'The Four "Ds"' of Multiculturalism: Dress, Diet, Dialect, and Dance' to consider the current sociocultural landscape of schooling. It is through first understanding and then grappling with the complexities of how diversity exists in our schools that we as educators are better equipped to create positive school climates that promote inclusive and equitable learning environments for all students.

LUNCH

12:30 p.m.
Atlantic Ballroom

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

2:00 p.m. - 3:25 p.m.

1 LEADERSHIP FOR MINORITY SCHOOL BOARDS: THE SPECIFICITY AND VITALITY OF FRENCH-LANGUAGE SCHOOLS (This workshop is in French) Maritime Room

ROGER PAUL
Executive Director of the Fédération nationale des conseils scolaires francophones (FNCSF)

As part of the implementation of its strategic plan 2015-2020, the National Federation of French-language School Boards undertook, with its members and partners, a reflection on the concepts that define French-language schools in minority settings. The vitality and sustainability of French-language schools in minority settings in Canada rests on a close connection with Francophone and Acadian communities. Learn more about how the civic community school approach has given a new focus to French language and culture!

2 MAKING HEALTHY SCHOOLS A REALITY: OPEHA'S HEALTHY SCHOOLS CERTIFICATION Lunenburg Room

JENNIFER MUIR
Bilingual Projects Leader, Opeha (Ontario Physical and Health Education Association)

Join Jennifer Muir to learn more about how Healthy School Certification builds the capacity of schools to identify and address a priority health topic in their school community through the engagement of students, educators, and community partners. Healthy Schools Certification is adaptable to every school community and builds in province-wide celebration and recognition of healthy schools.

3 SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SKILLS IN THE EDUCATIONAL MISSION: 'NEED-TO-HAVE' OR 'NICE-TO-HAVE'? WHAT SHOULD SCHOOLS DO? Commonwealth Ballroom A

DR. JOHN C. LEBLANC
MD, MSc, FRCPC, FAAP Associate Professor, Pediatrics, Community Health and Epidemiology, Psychiatry, Dalhousie University

This session will be both instructive and interactive. It will start with a definition of SEL, why it matters, where one can find SEL interventions that can be brought into a school setting, and how schools and boards can tell if the SEL interventions they are implementing actually make a difference to students. Participants will assess how their own jurisdiction views SEL in its mission statement and in its implementation and will then be asked to decide whether the emphasis and approach of SEL is currently sufficient or if not, how it can and should be changed.

BREAKFAST

8:00 a.m.
Atlantic Ballroom

CROSS-COUNTRY CHECK-IN

9:00 a.m.
Commonwealth Ballroom A

PRESIDENTS OF SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATIONS

BREAK

10:30 a.m.
Commonwealth foyer

INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

11:00 a.m.
Commonwealth Ballroom A

TOM GENTZEL
Executive Director, National School Boards Association, Washington D.C.

LORRAINE KERR
President of New Zealand School Boards Association

HOW A SCIENCE FAIR PROJECT CREATED OPPORTUNITY AND POSITIVE CHANGE IN A NOVA SCOTIA COMMUNITY

11:30 a.m.
Commonwealth Ballroom A



STELLA BOWLES
South Shore Regional School Board, Halifax

Stella Bowles, a student of the South Shore Regional School Board, has taken a science fair project to new heights, making a true impact in her community and on the environment. She will be speaking about her experience, and how the support from her school led her to where she is today. Stella attends Bridgewater Junior High School.

LUNCH

12:00 p.m.
Commonwealth Ballroom A

YOURS TRULY : CAPE BRETON

1:00 p.m.
Commonwealth Ballroom A

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BETTE MACDONALD



MAYNARD MORRISON

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

1:30 p.m.

1 **JOINT CONSORTIUM FOR SCHOOL HEALTH:
A PAN-CANADIAN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP
FOR STUDENT HEALTH, WELL-BEING, AND ACHIEVEMENT**

Lunenburg Room

SUSAN HORNBY

Senior Advisor,
Pan-Canadian
Joint Consortium
for School Health

This presentation will provide an overview of the Pan-Canadian Joint Consortium for School Health, a formal partnership of the Education and Health/Wellness Ministries of 9 of 10 provinces and all 3 territories, with support from the federal government through the Public Health Agency of Canada. This is an opportunity to learn about the collective involvement of 25 ministries to work towards a holistic, comprehensive school health approach for student health, well-being, and achievement, and how this improves well-being for all in the school community.

2 **MAKING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:
A COMMITTEE – BASED APPROACH TO
ADVOCACY AND ENGAGEMENT**

Commonwealth Ballroom A

LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL
BOARD, MANITOBA

SANDY NEMETH

Vice-Chair

JOSIE LANDRY

Trustee

TOM PARKER

Trustee

Community Connections Committee was established as a standing committee of the Louis Riel School Board in the fall of 2014. Its mandate is to engage with our local and greater community not only to make valuable stakeholder connections, but to ensure we remain connected with those we serve and represent.

Our presentation will share how the Community Connections Committee supports the work of our Board, ensures broad community voice at the board table, and is positively impacting divisional and community engagement with the Louis Riel School Board and its trustees.

3 **HEARTS, MINDS AND STORYTELLING:
GETTING YOUR MESSAGE OUT**

Maritime Room

**HEATHER
DEMETRIOFF**

Director,
Education and
Communication
Services, Manitoba
School Boards
Association

Stories often connect with us on an emotional level. The words we use to describe many of them—heartfelt, heartwarming, or heartbreaking—reflect that emotional connection. The stories we hear throughout our lives also form some of our strongest memories, staying with us long after their telling. Yet as key stakeholders in the public education system, school boards need to communicate statistics and data—standards of student achievement, class size and school enrolment, and dollars and cents. In this session, participants will explore some ways in which they can combine the power of stories with the necessity of numbers to strengthen their communications. They will also leave the session with some tools and practical ideas that will help them tell their stories, and get their message out.

CLOSING CEREMONY

6:30 p.m.

Pier 21

**MARITIME DINNER AND KITCHEN PARTY
CASH BAR**

7:00 p.m.

Pier 21

**ENTERTAINMENT
STUDEBAKER PIE**

Pier 21

