

# Learning Network Educational Services

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## Learning Network Educational Services Mission:

... to facilitate professional learning opportunities for education partners/providers in order to enhance student learning.

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## Message from the Executive Director

Greetings on this this beautiful Fall day!

You are already finishing off your third full week of the 2017 - 2018 academic year! It is hard to believe that the Thanksgiving weekend is only a week away. I expect, like our office, you "hit the ground running" and are already back into the demands and routines of the school year.

We just wanted to take this opportunity to share a few pieces of information with you. The 2017 - 2018 Curriculum Implementation Priorities are as follows:

- First Nations, Metis and Inuit
- Mathematics
- Supporting Competencies in current curriculum
- Supporting Literacy and Numeracy in current curriculum
- Provincial Assessments - S.L.A.'s, P.A.T.'s and Diplomas
- Inclusive Education
- Curriculum Development
- Dual Credit
- Other provincial and regional priorities

We are also pleased to be focusing on additional work on some of these areas through focused work on Education for Reconciliation which supports:

- Creating Relationships with FNMI Communities
- Creation of Regional Collaborative Communities - Foundational Knowledge
- Use of Materials to Create Regional Learning Opportunities - Including Authentic and Experiential

As well, we are privileged to be providing additional support through funding from the Mental Health Matters Project -

“Education is not the learning of facts, but training the mind to think.”

- Albert Einstein

## Upcoming Learning Opportunities

Oct. 16 - ICLN18-05

Empowering Writers' Narrative Writing  
Carla Thio

Oct. 16 - IMA18-16

Unlocking the Power and Potential of Guided Math  
Dr. Nicki Newton

October 17 – Empowering Writers' Expository Writing

Carla Thio

Oct. 19 – CR18-20

An Administrators Day with Dr. Todd Whitaker

October 24-26 – The Mental Health First Aid Through a First Nation's Perspective

Amanda Lynn Petit and Ashley Norton

Oct. 30, 31 and Nov. 1 – IE18-07 Level B Assessment

Dr. Dave Carter

Nov. 27 – Lego Social Skills Training Level II

Nov. 28 – IE18-11 Mental Wellness at School

Dr. Patrick Carney

Please visit the Learning Network Educational Services website ([www.learning-network.org](http://www.learning-network.org)) to register for professional learning opportunities

Remember to go to our webpage [www.learning-network.org](http://www.learning-network.org) and 'Subscribe to Mailing List' to receive our email reminders of upcoming P.L.O.'s!

## Message from the Executive Director

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- Create relationships and clarify roles with Mental Health School and Community Partners.
- Build a local shared language about mental health for educators at all levels of the system.
- Create regional collaborative communities, in district supports/learning opportunities and registered sessions for educators at all levels of the system to:
  - - support the design of mental health plans in schools using the Key Conditions of Supporting Mental Health in Schools included within the Working Together to Support Mental Health in Alberta Schools Resource.
  - - promote evidence based universal strategies to support a culture of positive mental health in schools
  - - support early identification of mental illness
  - - use materials including the Key Conditions for Supporting Mental Health in Schools to create regional learning opportunities and support school systems in creating supportive plans for student mental health in schools.

- <https://education.alberta.ca/mental-health/information-and-resources/everyone/mental-health-in-schools/>

Please do take time to peruse this site and the attached document - [https://education.alberta.ca/media/3576206/working\\_together\\_to\\_support\\_mental\\_health.pdf](https://education.alberta.ca/media/3576206/working_together_to_support_mental_health.pdf)

as “starting points” to this conversation and professional learning support.

We are honored to be supporting educators at their professional learning days on October 6 (St. Paul Education Regional Division) in St. Paul, October 20 (Northern Lights Public Schools) in Lac La Biche, October 23 (Lakeland Catholic Schools) in Bonnyville, November 9 (Park Plains East A.T.A. Local #31) in Wainwright and November 24 (South Support Staff Conference) in Vermilion! If you would like additional information on any of these professional learning days, please call me at the number below.

We are also pleased to continue to support you in your work as educators through, not only our provision of professional learning opportunities but also through the commitment and dedication of our Designers of Professional Learning: Sherri Johnston (Literacy), Lana Lane (Literacy), Sylvia Malo (Mathematics/Numeracy), Dan Nash (F.N.M.I./Curriculum Development/Dual Credit) and Jackie Ratkovic (Mathematics/Numeracy). As well, our Administrative Staff, Celine Zevola (Executive Assistant) and Yvonne Plamondon (Administrative Assistant) look forward to the opportunities to support you in meeting your professional learning needs.

As always, if there is a professional learning opportunity/support that you need and do not see listed on our website ([www.learning-network.org](http://www.learning-network.org)), please pick up the phone (780) 842-9475 and call me or send me an email at [brent.allen@learning-network.org](mailto:brent.allen@learning-network.org). I would also encourage you to take a minute to visit our website and sign up for notifications of upcoming professional learning opportunities in our region and the province.

Thank you for this privilege of serving you!

Brent C. Allen  
Executive Director  
Learning Network Educational Services

