

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

WOW! It is June 27 already - insane! I cannot believe how quickly time passes by! This is always a super busy time for anyone and everyone in Education. We can "see" summer but still living with the realities of year-end report cards and processes.

The Board of Directors and Staff of the Learning Network Educational Services would like to "Thank you" for your tremendous support and response of and to professional learning over the course of this past year. We truly appreciate each and every opportunity that we are extended to support you in your professional learning journey. From our single session offerings through to the many 'series' we collaborated on this year, your feedback and response indicate that we have all experienced a year rich with learning and support.

The Board of Directors would like to thank the following representatives from the Alberta Teachers Association for their commitment and service over the past number of years: Dr. Gaylene Schreiber, Maureen Ference and Alysha Grosky. By decision of the A.T.A. Provincial Executive Council, three ladies will be withdrawing from the Board Directors of the Learning Network Educational Services effective June 30, 2017. We again thank them for their service, support and commitment to professional learning and wish them well!

As we look to the 2017 - 2018 school year, we are pleased to share the 2017 - 2018 Provincial Curriculum Implementation Support Priorities:

- First Nations, Métis and Inuit
- Mathematics
- Supporting competencies in current curriculum
- Supporting literacy and numeracy in current curriculum
- Provincial Assessments – Student Learning Assessment
- Provincial Assessments – Diploma Programs
- Inclusive Education
- Career and Technology Foundations
- Learning Commons Policy
- Curriculum Development
- Dual Credit

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

- Albert Einstein

Upcoming Learning Opportunities

Oct. 2, Nov. 6 & Dec. 4, 2017

IPA18-12 Assessment 101: Practical Steps to Better Assessment Practices

Tim Coates

Oct. 4, 2017

ICLN18-04 Deeper Learning Through Interdisciplinary Literacy

ReLeah Lent

Oct. 10 & Nov. 21, 2017

ICLN18-08 Reading Readiness Screening Tool

Lana Lane

October 16, 2017

ICLN18-05 Empowering Writers' Narrative Writing

Carla Thio

October 16, 017

IMA18-16 Unlocking the Power and Potential of Guided Math

Dr. Nicki Newton

October 17, 2017

ICLN18-06 Empowering Writers' Expository Writing

Carla Thio

October 30, 31 Nov. 1, 2017

IE18-07 Level B Assessment

Dr. Dave Carter

Message from the Executive Director

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The organization and confirmation of professional learning support has begun for the L.N.E.S. 2017 - 2018 academic year but it is far from complete. As you have a chance to consider these priority areas and how they might apply to your professional responsibilities and learning needs, please remember that our “door is always open” and we welcome your comments and requests as they relate to your professional learning needs.

We are so very privileged to be able to work closely with the four A.T.A. Locals within our region: **Park Plains East #31** (November 9, 2017 - Blessed Sacrament School, Wainwright), **Lakeland Catholic Separate #30 & Lakeland Catholic Schools #150** (October 23, 2017 - Notre Dame High School, Bonnyville), **Northern Lights #15 & Northern Lights Public Schools #69** (October 20, 2017 - Aurora Middle School/Vera M. Welsh School, Lac La Biche) and **Greater St. Paul #25** (St. Paul Regional High School, St. Paul). For each of their upcoming professional learning days in the fall of 2017, we are humbled to extend our support and so very excited for the growth opportunities that await each of their participants. Their programs are diverse and the facilitators dynamic - I am eagerly anticipating the arrival of each of their professional learning events.

The professional learning days for Northern Lights Public Schools #69 and Lakeland Catholic School Division #150 are both “combined” professional learning days where these two school authorities are bringing together all staff, professional, paraprofessional and support, for a shared day of opportunity and learning. This is an exciting model of professional learning delivery and we are excited to partner with them on these opportunities.

The South Support Staff Conference is also moving along nicely in terms of organization. This annual event will take place at the J.R. Robson Jr./Sr. High School in Vermilion and will serve the Support Staff of both Buffalo Trail Public Schools #28 and the East Central Alberta Separate Schools #16. The committee has been working hard and we are just putting the finishing touches on the program for this exciting learning event.

As we look to summer, the office of the Learning Network Educational Services will be closed after 4:00 p.m. June 29, 2017 and will re-open at 8:00 a.m. on Monday August 14, 2017. If there are emergent matters, please contact our Executive Director, Brent Allen at 780 842 9475.

Again, “Thanks to each and every one of you for your tremendous input and support!” Simply put, “We are better together!”

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Consultants and Staff of the Learning Network Educational Services, we wish you a safe and a relaxing summer.

See you in the Fall!!!

Brent C. Allen
Executive Director

Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all! - Aristotle

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

Remember to go to our webpage www.learning-network.org and ‘Subscribe to Mailing List’ to receive our email reminders of upcoming P.L.O.’s!

