

2018



DATE: APRIL 17, 2018

TIME: 9:00AM-3:30PM

SITE: Ramada Plaza
Calgary Airport,
3515 - 26 St. NE
Calgary AB

FEES: \$125/person

Fee includes lunch.

Going Bigger Than the Test! Growing Readers, Writers and Critical Thinkers

FEATURING— CRIS TOVANI

GRADES 5-12 EDUCATORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

Who do we want to stand in line with at the grocery store? What kind of people do we want to share the workplace with? How do we nurture students to become informed citizens who positively contribute to society? We have to go bigger than the provincial exams and we do this by giving learners opportunities to engage in purposeful reading, writing, and critical thinking.

During this day long workshop, Cris Tovani will share ways to increase student engagement so that kids get to work at least as hard as their teachers. The day will focus on critical thinking and how educators can provide authentic audiences and purposes to give students a reason to read, write, and discuss. Participants will investigate current research to support their instructional practices. They will “have a go” at doing some writing, and they will exam different tools to structure the day so that students get more time to read, write and think.

This learning opportunity is being offered as a cost recovery program.

CRIS TOVANI

Cris Tovani taught elementary school for ten years before becoming a high school reading specialist and English teachers. She most recently worked with secondary English language learners from a high poverty district in Colordao that was in its fourth year of turnaround. In addition to teaching, she is a nationally known consultant focusing on issues of reading, content comprehension and assessment in secondary classrooms. Cris started her professional development work with Denver-based Public Education and Business Coalition (PEBC), the consortium that has received national acclaim for its work in reading comprehension reform. Cris has been an adjunct professor at the University of Denver and the University of Colorado at Denver. She is the author of three books, *I Read it but I Don't Get It*, *Do I Really Have to Teach Reading?* and *So, What do They Really Know?* Cris is also featured in three instructional DVDs that show her in action with adolescent readers. These DVDs, *Thoughtful Reading*, *Comprehending Content*, *Talk to Me* are available through Stenhouse Publishers.



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