



District School Board Ontario North East

Professional Activity Day Agenda

August 31, 2026

Break: 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Lunch: 12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Break: 2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Length	Topic	Audience	Entity Hosting	Presenter(s)	Delivery Method
8:45 am – 9:00 am	Welcome	All Staff	School Administrators Department Managers	School Administrators Department Managers	In-Person
	Description: All staff are to gather at the work location in the area specified by the principal or CEO.				
	Resources: n/a				
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Strategic Plan	All Staff	DSB1	CEO Dye	In-Person
	Description: Executive Council will review the highlights from the 2025-2026 school year and share the focus for 2026-2027.				
	Resources: PowerPoint				
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Situating Ourselves on the Land	All Staff	DSB1	School Leaders	In-Person
	Description: School leaders and the Indigenous Lead will walk through Situating Ourselves on the Land for their current school or board office location.				
	Resources: PowerPoint				

10:15 am – 11:45 am	Supporting Learners with a Learning Disability	All Staff	DSB1	Special Education and Learning and Teaching Collaboration	In-Person
	Description: As a collective focus for the 2026–2027 school year, we will deepen our understanding of how to effectively support learners with learning disabilities. During this session, staff will examine the data that has informed this priority, hear student perspectives on the impact that effective support can have on their classroom experiences, and engage in activities that build empathy and understanding of what it may be like to learn with a learning disability. Teams will conclude by planning intentional first steps to begin the school year in ways that ensure learners feel supported, valued, and confident that their individual learning needs will be recognized and met within the classroom.				
11:45 am – 12:15 pm	K-8 SIPSA	K-8 Educators	School Administrators	School Administrators	In-Person
	Description: School based teams will meet to set SIPSA goals for the 2026/27 school year in the areas of Attendance, Numeracy, Literacy, Student Success.				
	Resources: SIPSA Templates in Team Folder				
	Single Session Modality Overview	School Social Workers	Mental Health & Wellbeing Team	Alesya Courtnage	In-person
	Description: This session provides an overview of the Single Session Intervention (SSI) model used in schools, including its purpose, principles, and benefits for supporting student mental health. Participants will explore the foundational concepts and therapeutic practices that guide brief, strengths-based mental health interventions.				
	Resources: Foundational SSI materials, therapeutic practice tools, and implementation resources. Participants will receive practical strategies to support the use of single-session approaches within school settings.				
	Building Services Training	Building Services Staff Custodial and Maintenance	Building Services Team	Building Services Team	Virtual
	Description: Staff will learn new legislation around washroom cleaning, WHMIS refresher and Fire Extinguisher use and inspections.				
	Resources: Procedures, WHMIS, H&S				

11:45 am – 12:15 pm	New Mental Health JK-SK curriculum overview	Child and Youth Workers	Mental Health & Wellbeing Team	Mental Health Lead	In-Person
	Description: Child and Youth Workers will receive an overview of the new JK-SK mental health curriculum embedded within Ontario's mandatory Health and Physical Education curriculum. The session will highlight key concepts, classroom implementation strategies, and available resources to support student mental health and well-being.				
	Resources: School Mental Health Ontario, Kids Have Stress Too!, and Kids Psychology resources. Participants will receive practical tools and classroom-ready materials to support implementation.				
	Assessment, Evaluation, Attendance and Participation Requirements for Secondary School Students (2026)	Secondary Teachers	Learning and Teaching	Learning and Teaching	In-Person (Virtual Presentation)
	Description: An overview of the new requirements related to assessment, evaluation, and reporting for secondary school students, following the Putting Student Achievement First Act, 2026 and unpacking what it means for our classrooms.				
12:15 pm – 1:00 pm	LUNCH				
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Edwin Rollout	All K-12 Educators	Learning and Teaching	Edwin	In-Person (Virtual Presentation)
	Description: Looking to get the most out of Edwin? As Supply Ontario's successful vendor of record, Nelson's Edwin is Ontario's Consistent Educational Resource for Grades 1–12. This session walks you through the platform and its tools for elementary educators and administrators. Come explore how Edwin supports teaching and learning across Grades 9–12 and leave ready to hit the ground running.				
	Resources: Introduction to Edwin – Elementary Introduction to Edwin - Secondary				

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	Collective Agreement Review	All Educational Assistants/ Personal Support Workers	DSB1	Human Resources	Virtual
	Description: Review key provisions including hours of work, assignments, supervision, preparation time, leaves, health and safety, reporting absences, professional responsibilities, workplace expectations, and opportunities for questions and clarification. Resources: OSSTF – EA Collective Agreement				
1:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Planning for Success: Building Consistency, Capacity, and Connection in Special Education	District Special Education Resource Teachers/Student Support Consultants/Registered Behaviour Analysts	DSB1	Special Education Lead	In-Person/Virtual
	Description: Special Education Team will meet to discuss priorities, reorganization of Student Support Team and plan for the 2026-2027 school year. Resources: Meeting Agenda				
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1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Aspen Training	School Based Secretaries	DSB1	IS – Brent Forsyth	Virtual
	Description: - Enrolment register instructions - Deliver and post to Teams - Scheduling - Building homerooms and section creation procedure - Attendance including safe arrival recap - New fields - no more covid fields - Next year fields - recap missed items from end of last school year like graduates Resources: Aspen Group Resources				
1:45 pm – 3:15 pm	Starting Strong: Communication, Collaboration, and Building Capacity	All Educational Assistants/ Personal Support Workers	DSB1	School Administrators	In-Person
	Description: Staff will prepare for the transition back to school by reviewing student IEPs, safety plans, behaviour support plans, and plans of care. Resources: Individual Education Plans, Safety Plans, Behaviour Support Plans, Plans of Care				
2:00 pm – 3:15 pm	K-12 SIPSA	K-8 Educators	School Administrators	School Administrators	In-Person
	Description: School based teams will meet to set SIPSA goals for the 2026/27 school year in the areas of Attendance, Numeracy, Literacy, Student Success. Additionally, time can be used to unpack learning from earlier sessions. Resources: SIPSA Templates in Leadership Team Folder				