

MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Supervisory Officers of School Authorities
Provincial Schools Branch

FROM: Sue Durst
Director
Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch

DATE: February 10, 2012

SUBJECT: *Professional Learning Mathematics Series for School and System Leaders*

With so much at stake for students who do not do well in mathematics, the Ministry of Education is providing a series of learning opportunities for school leaders to support them in “*Paying Attention to Mathematics Education*”. This is also the title of a recent publication from the ministry that shares seven foundation principles from the work to date of the ministry’s Mathematics Working Group. The principles serve as a guide for planning and implementing improvements in mathematics teaching and learning. You can access the document at <<http://www.edugains.ca/resources/LNS/MathematicsFoundationalPrinciples/SevenFoundationalPrinciples.pdf>>

Participants of the learning series will explore the first of the seven Foundational Principles of the document which is – Focus on Mathematics.

They will:

- investigate how the Mathematical Processes can be used when observing classes, reviewing potential classroom resources, and providing access to challenging mathematics for all learners
- develop a greater appreciation of the need to support teachers in providing a balance of lesson designs, classroom dynamics, and consolidation strategies
- examine examples of monitoring strategies including: interacting with students; using technologies, mining various sources of data and information

Each board is invited to send a team, consisting of three (3) educators to both days of the two-day professional learning series. In order to maximize participant learning, it would be helpful if you would consider the following educators for your board team:

- elementary administrator (1)
- secondary administrator (1) at least one administrator currently in a school
- mathematics program/system leader (1)

The series will include two face-to-face sessions and three electronic sessions to sustain the learning

The first sessions will be offered March 6th to March 22nd and the follow-up sessions will be offered April 11th to April 26th in 4 different locations.

	Location	Session 1	Session 2
London	Best Western Stonebridge 6675 Burtwistle Ln, London, ON N6L 1H5	March 22	April 26
Toronto	Chestnut Residence & Conference Centre U of T 89 Chestnut St., Toronto, ON M5G 1R1	March 7	April 12
North Bay	NNDSB Box 3110 963 Airport Rd North Bay, ON P1B 8H1	March 20	April 19
Thunder Bay	Lakehead University 955 Oliver Road, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 5E1	March 6	April 11

The ministry will cover the cost of the venue, facilitation, and the continental breakfast and lunch provided the day of the face-to-face sessions. Boards will pay for coverage, travel and accommodations through local funds that could include the Mathematics and Literacy Professional Learning Strategy funds identified in the 2010-11 B6 Memorandum: Funding in Addition to Grants for Student Needs.

This learning series is part of the *Professional Learning for Mathematics Leaders and Coaches* (PLMLC) initiative lead by CAPB. The initiative focuses on providing opportunities to build administrator efficacy as mathematics leaders.

We look forward to working and learning with your school and system leaders.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Original signed by

Sue Durst

Attachment: Application form for the ***Professional Learning Mathematics Series for School and System Leaders*** Series

cc: K. Verduyn, Director, FSB
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Paying Attention to Mathematics Education

BOARD TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

Please indicate the name of the board contact that is responsible for registering and communicating with all of the participants on the board team. The contact person may or may not be a member of the team.

School Board: _____ Session Date/Location: _____

Board Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Each board is invited to send one team (as described in the memo) consisting of three (3) participants.

The ministry will cover the cost of:

- venue, meals, and facilitators
- a continental breakfast beginning at 8:30, and lunch for all participants the day of the session

Face-to-face sessions will begin promptly at 9:00 am and conclude by 4:30.

Name	Position	School or Department	Phone	E-mail

PLEASE NOTE:

The board contact person is asked to:

- complete and forward this registration form for the board team;
- forward all relevant information such as time, location, material requirements, etc. to members of the team;
- serve as the person with whom the registrar corresponds.

We ask that:

- only completed registration forms be submitted;
- the board contact indicate if team members have serious food allergies or dietary restrictions;
- participants make their own accommodation reservations, if required.

Please return your completed registration by March 1st via email to:

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