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## THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

- 6:00 p.m. – **REGISTRATION**  
9:00 p.m. *Muskoka Ballroom Foyer*
- 7:00 p.m. – **WELCOMING RECEPTION**  
9:00 p.m. *Muskoka Ballroom*  
Co-sponsored by the Ontario Association of Deans of Education

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

*All plenary sessions take place in the Muskoka Ballroom, with simultaneous translation available.*

- 7:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION / CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**  
*Muskoka Ballroom Foyer*
- 8:30 a.m. **WELCOME / INTRODUCTION**  
Richard Franz, Manager, Policy Information and Research Unit, Ministry of Education
- 8:35 a.m. **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
*“Developing a Shared Research Agenda: The Opportunity Before Us”*  
Ben Levin, Deputy Minister of Education
- 9:00 a.m. **STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**  
Moderator: Lorna Earl, Researcher in Residence, Ministry of Education
- **Literacy**  
Martine Leclerc, Professor, Université du Québec en Outaouais
  - **Numeracy**  
Chris Suurtamm, Associate Professor, University of Ottawa
  - **Learning to 18**  
Bruce Ferguson, Director, Community Health Systems Resource Group, Hospital for Sick Children
  - **Closing the Gap**  
John Anderson, Professor, University of Victoria
  - **Parent and Community Engagement**  
Carl James, Professor, York University
- 12:00 p.m. **LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. **INTRODUCTION TO WORKING SESSION A**  
Lorna Earl, Researcher in Residence, Ministry of Education
- 1:15 p.m. **WORKING SESSION A**  
*Participants break into workshops assigned in each of the five topic areas.*
- Topic / Breakout Room:**
- **LITERACY** – Algonquin Room
  - **NUMERACY** – Collingwood Room
  - **LEARNING TO 18** – Niagara Room
  - **CLOSING THE GAP** – Haliburton Room
  - **PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** – Cortland Room
- Each workshop will include:*
- Introduction/Overview by facilitator
  - Table discussions
  - Break
  - Report back to full workshop group

- 4:15 p.m. **Break**
- 6:00 p.m. **DINNER**
- **Keynote Address**  
*“What Will It Take To Develop A Shared Research Program? The Art Of The Possible”*  
Robert Crocker, Principal, Atlantic Evaluation and Research Consultants

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

- 7:30 a.m. **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**  
*Muskoka Ballroom Foyer*
- 8:30 a.m. **DAY 2 INTRODUCTION: OUTLINE OF DAY’S ACTIVITIES**  
Richard Franz, Manager, Policy Information and Research Unit, Ministry of Education
- 8:35 a.m. **REVIEW OF DAY 1 WORKSHOP RESULTS**  
Lorna Earl, Researcher in Residence, Ministry of Education
- 9:00 a.m. **INTRODUCTION TO WORKING SESSION B**  
Lorna Earl, Researcher in Residence, Ministry of Education
- 9:15 a.m. **WORKING SESSION B**  
*Participants break into workshops assigned by geographical area.*
- Area / Breakout Room:**
- **BARRIE REGION** – Golden Delicious Room
  - **LONDON REGION** – Cortland Room
  - **OTTAWA REGION** – Collingwood Room
  - **TORONTO REGION** – Algonquin Room
  - **SUDBURY/NORTH BAY REGION** – Niagara Room
  - **THUNDER BAY REGION** – Northern Spy Room
  - **FRENCH-LANGUAGE BOARDS** – Haliburton Room
- Each workshop will include:*
- Introduction/Overview by facilitator
  - Table discussions
  - Break
  - Report back to full workshop group
- 12:30 p.m. **LUNCH**
- 1:30 p.m. **REVIEW OF DAY 2 WORKSHOP RESULTS**  
Lorna Earl, Researcher in Residence, Ministry of Education
- 1:50 p.m. **ONTARIO EDUCATION RESEARCH PANEL**  
Aryeh Gitterman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Instruction and Leadership Development Division, Ministry of Education
- **Plenary Discussion**  
Audience microphones
- 2:20 p.m. **CLOSING REFLECTIONS**  
Ben Levin, Deputy Minister of Education
- 2:30 p.m. **SYMPOSIUM ADJOURNS**