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<p>August 28th, 2023 AM In Person with schools connected virtually as needed. PROVINCIAL PRIORITIES</p>	All Elementary Schools	School Safety and Violence Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lecture ● Hands-On Work in Grade Groups ● Discussion 	School teams will engage in introductory learning around Social Emotional Learning and other tier-one strategies to promote safe and welcoming school environments. Schools will also review school-based response plans relating to escalation of student behaviour, incident reporting mechanisms, and progressive discipline strategies and practices.	Organized by the school board and facilitated by School Administrators.
<p>August 28th, 2023 PM In- Person/ On-Line BOARD DIRECTED</p>	All Elementary Schools	Mandatory Health & Safety Training	Some modules are delivered by the principal, while others are completed on-line.	School teams will engage in mandatory health and safety training. Training modules include Ladder Training; Slips Trips and Falls; Managing Prevalent Medical Conditions; Violence in the Workplace; and more where applicable.	Organized by the school board and delivered by School Administrators and using Safe Schools Online platform.
<p>August 29th, 2023 AM In Person with schools connected virtually to presenter. PROVINCIAL PRIORITIES</p>	All Elementary Schools	Introduction to the new Ontario Language Curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lecture ● Hands-On Work in Grade Groups ● Discussion 	School teams will review practical and effective strategies to support student learning with a focus on early reading and evidence-based systematic and explicit reading instruction by reviewing the Ontario Human Rights Commission’s Right to Read inquiry report and the connections to the revised Language/Français, Grades 1-8 curriculum.	Organized by the school board and facilitated by Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education.

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<p>August 29th, 2023 PM In Person with schools connected virtually to presenter. PROVINCIAL PRIORITIES</p>	All Elementary Schools	Making Math Stick: Classroom Strategies that Support the Long-Term Understanding of Math Concepts with David Costello	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lecture ● Hands-On Work in Grade Groups ● Discussion 	Guest Speaker David Costello will work with school teams to establish key learning goals for mathematics in each grade as a foundation for the review of skills on a regular basis. He will provide a number of strategies from his book that support regular practice of math skills to ensure a spiraling effect and long-term understanding of math concepts. Each participant will receive a copy of David's book called <i>Making Math Stick</i> .	Organized by the school board and facilitated by David Costello, published author of <i>Making Math Stick</i> .
<p>September 29th, 2023 AM In Person with schools connected virtually as needed. BOARD DIRECTED</p>	All Elementary Schools	Student Well-Being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lecture ● Hands-On Work ● Discussion 	School teams will engage in exploring School Mental Health Ontario resources with a focus on differentiated and identity-affirming mental health supports that foster critical self-reflection and cultural humility.	Organized by the school board and facilitated by School Administrators.
<p>September 29th, 2023 PM In-Person PROVINCIAL PRIORITIES</p>	All Elementary Schools	School Improvement Planning for Student Achievement & Well-Being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lecture ● Hands-On Work to review data ● Discussion 	School teams will focus attention on their school's Student Achievement Plan. School administrators will work with school-based staff to develop achievable goals that will increase students' success in areas of math and literacy, as well as engagement, well-being and belonging. School staff will meet in-person to conduct data analysis of each school's student achievement data (e.g., EQAO, Aimsweb+, Lexia & IXL), attendance and the <i>Our School</i> data to set goals for their Student Achievement Plan and plan for high impact practice.	Organized by the school board and facilitated by School Administrators.

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<p>November 17th, 2023 AM In Person with schools connected virtually to presenter. BOARD DIRECTED</p>	All Elementary Schools	Literacy Screening: Implications for Teaching and Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lecture ● Hands-On Work to review data ● Discussion 	School teams will learn more about the literacy screening tools from Aimsweb+ used by the NCDSB to track literacy achievement for students from FDK to Grade 8. Teams will gain a better understanding of what each tool in the battery assesses, how to analyze the data and how to plan for instruction based on the data. Connections to the 5 components of effective reading instruction will be made.	Organized by the school board and facilitated by Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education.
<p>November 17th, 2023 PM In Person with schools connected virtually to presenter. BOARD DIRECTED</p>	All Grade 1-8 Teachers in all Elementary Schools	Assessment and Evaluation in Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lecture ● Hands-On Work ● Discussion 	School teams will engage in learning more about how to effectively assess and evaluate mathematics learning now that there is only one grade reported on the provincial report card. Dr. Small will make connections to the Categories of Achievement from the Ontario Math Curriculum and the MathUp resource used in the NCDSB.	Organized by the school board and facilitated (TBC).
<p>November 17th, 2023 9:00 am - 1:30 pm BOARD DIRECTED</p>	All FDK teams, EAs and CYWS in All Elementary Schools	Supporting Self-Regulation in the Early Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lecture ● Hands-On Work ● Discussion 	FDK teams, EAs and CYWs will engage with the Behaviour Support team to learn more about how best to support the self-regulation of our youngest learners. Teams will look at theory but also explore practical strategies to support immediate needs in classrooms.	Organized by the school board and facilitated by Brittany Counter, Jasmine Fox and Lisa Lamarche.

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<p>November 17th, 2023 PM - 1:30-3:00 pm In Person with schools connected virtually as needed. BOARD DIRECTED</p>	<p>All FDK teams in All Elementary Schools</p>	<p>Supporting Writing Instruction in FDK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lecture ● Hands-On Work ● Discussion 	<p>FDK teams will engage in learning about how to effectively teach writing to our earliest learners. Our presenter will review the forms of writing most applicable to FDK, simple sentence construction and how to use explicit instruction and the use of blanks to improve writing achievement.</p>	<p>Organized by the school board and facilitated by Jo-Anne Dooner, Training 24/7.</p>
<p>January 26th, 2024 AM/PM In-Person BOARD DIRECTED</p>	<p>All Elementary Schools</p>	<p>Completion of Term 1 Report Cards</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>	<p>Teaching staff and ECEs will work on completing their Term 1 report cards.</p>	<p>Organized by the school board.</p>
<p>April 26th, 2024 AM In Person with schools connected virtually to presenter. BOARD DIRECTED</p>	<p>All Elementary Schools</p>	<p>Celebrating Our Catholic Faith</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lecture ● Hands-On Work ● Discussion 	<p>School teams will engage in learning and activities relating to the promotion, preservation, and celebration of Catholic education.</p>	<p>Organized by the school board and facilitated by Michael Buhler, Pastoral Care Worker, Cristina Corbett, Special Assignment Teacher and School Administrators.</p>

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<p>April 26th, 2024 PM In-Person/On-Line BOARD DIRECTED</p>	<p>All Elementary Schools</p>	<p>Possible Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assessment & Evaluation ● Science of Reading ● Improving Writing Instruction ● STEM ● Building Content Knowledge in Math ● Implementing MathUP Effectively ● Implementing Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ Effectively 	<p>Possible Learning and Delivery Methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lecture ● Hands-On Work ● Discussion 	<p>School teams will engage in coordinated learning opportunities relating to the most prevalent topics identified within teacher Annual Learning Plans. Once the prevalent topics have been identified, board staff will work to coordinate a variety of learning opportunities that staff can sign up for that align with their personal learning goals. School Administrators will monitor completion of this work.</p>	<p>Organized by the school board. Once topics have been confirmed, a variety of learning opportunities will be organized and may include guest speakers/presenters . This will be updated by January 31st, 2024.</p>
<p>June 7th, 2024 AM/PM In-Person BOARD DIRECTED</p>	<p>All Elementary Schools</p>	<p>Completion of Term 2 Report Cards</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>	<p>Teaching staff and ECEs will work on completing their Term 2 report cards.</p>	<p>Organized by the school board.</p>