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CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL
BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

ⁱPROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY
Monday, April 8, 2024
AGENDA

The day will encompass a spectrum of Professional Development sessions tailored to accommodate the unique roles of educators. Staff will take part in the virtual sessions from their home school.

MORNING
All Staff will gather in one location for the morning session.

Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Prayer Service - **All Staff**
Staff will start off their day by Acknowledging the Land and join as a community in prayer.

Topic 1:   **Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy (CRRP**)
Entity Hosting: School Board
Facilitators: School Board Program Staff-Principals
Targeted Audience: K-12 Teachers and ECEs
Description: Teachers will explore the meaning of Culturally Relevant and Responsive pedagogy and recognize that all students learn in ways that are connected to background, language, family, structure and social or cultural identity. This presentation will focus on exploring practical teaching strategies that can be utilized in classrooms to ensure that students see themselves reflected in the curriculum.

Topic 2:   **Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Classroom**
Entity Hosting: School Board
Facilitators: School Board Program Staff-Principals
Targeted Audience: K-12 Teachers and ECEs
Description: Teachers will explore the benefits and cautions of AI in education to ensure that we are working to prepare students for the future and look at the world through our "tomorrow glasses"

Topic 3:   **Collaboration and Sharing**
Entity Hosting: School Board
Facilitators: School Board Program Staff-Principals
Targeted Audience: K-8 Educators

Description: Staff will gather in small groups to review the subject specific resources provided in a shared document. This time can also be used to explore divisional related co-planning and collaboration related to the topics explored this morning.

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Topic 4:	**Supporting the Mental Health of Children and Youth Experiencing Anxiety**
Entity Hosting:	School Board
Facilitators:	School Board Program Staff-Mental Health Lead
Targeted Audience:	Educational Assistants, Student Support Workers, and Itinerant ABLE Workers
Description:	This presentation will guide participants through an examination of the signs and symptoms of anxiety, while also exploring various strategies to support students in schools. Additionally, educators will have the chance to share success stories and engage in collaborative case studies within breakout rooms.

Topic 5:	**Supporting Multilingual Language Learners Students in our Schools**
Entity Hosting:	School Board
Facilitators:	School Board Program Staff-Multilingual Language Learner Consultant
Targeted Audience:	Educational Assistants, Student Support Workers, and Itinerant ABLE Workers
Description:	In this presentation, participants will gain an understanding of Multi-Lingual Language Learners (MLL) by exploring their definition, the challenges they might encounter, strategies to support newcomers within our school community, and ways to foster a welcoming environment that celebrates diversity for all students.

LUNCH

AFTERNOON

Topic 6.1:	**Grade 1-3 Social Studies Curriculum Revisions**
Entity Hosting:	School Board
Facilitators:	School Board Program Staff-Principals
Targeted Audience:	Grade 1-3 Educators
Description:	Primary teachers will join a LIVE Teams meeting at 1:00 pm with one of our Indigenous Consultants to explore the revisions made to the Grade 1-3 Social Studies curriculum in terms of Indigenous content and explore resources and strategies that can be implemented in the classroom.

Topic 6.2:	**Grade 6 Social Studies Curriculum Revisions**
Entity Hosting:	School Board
Facilitators:	School Board Program Staff-Principals
Targeted Audience:	Grade 4-6 Educators
Description:	Junior Teachers will join a LIVE Teams Meeting at 1:00 pm with a representative from *The Azrieli Foundation* from their *Educator, Holocaust Survivor Memoirs Program* who will explore the revisions made to the Grade 6 Social Studies curriculum in terms of Holocaust content and explore resources and strategies that can be implemented in their teaching practice.

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Topic 6.3: **Kindergarten Programming**
Entity Hosting: School Board
Facilitators: School Board Program Staff-Principals
Targeted Audience: Kindergarten Teachers and ECEs
Description: Kindergarten educators were invited to propose topics for exploration and collaboration prior to this PA Day (e.g. pedagogical documentation, learning centers, play based learning, classroom management, etc.). Educators will participate in a 30-minute live, virtual training session on "Structured Literacy" before selecting a breakout session aligned with their interests from the topics mentioned. Additionally, they will have access to a collaborative Class Notebook to exchange and gather best practices in these areas of focus.

Topic 6.4: **Introduction to the Neurolinguistic Approach to Second Language Acquisition**
Entity Hosting: School Board
Facilitators: School Board Program Staff-Principals
Targeted Audience: Grades 1-8 Core French Teachers
Description: This PD session will explore the strategies of oral communication through the Neurolinguistic approach in an FSL classroom. Teachers will have an opportunity to use the remaining time to adapt their lessons to incorporate this pedagogy.

Topic 6.5: **Exploring Practical Uses of AI in the Classroom**
Entity Hosting: School Board
Facilitators: School Board Program Staff-Principals
Targeted Audience: Grade 7 -12 Teachers
Description: Intermediate Teachers will gather to extend the discussion from the morning session regarding AI in education and brainstorm and imagine an AI-integrated classroom. Teachers will also be able to explore various AI tools. Teachers will also discuss what constitutes 'cheating' and 'plagiarism" as our definitions will need to evolve along with this emerging technology.

Topic 7: **Texthelp – Read and Write Application**
Entity Hosting: School Board
Facilitators: Texthelp Support Team
Targeted Audience: Educational Assistants, Student Support Workers and Itinerant ABLE Workers
Description: A member of the Texthelp support team will present on how to best navigate the Read and Write application when supporting students.

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Topic 8:	**Inspiring Behaviour Change: Making a Difference Each Day**
Entity Hosting:	School Board
Facilitators:	School Board Program Staff-BCBAs
Targeted Audience:	Educational Assistants, Student Support Workers and Itinerant ABLE Workers
Description:	This presentation will present practical examples of skill building and skill acquisition with antecedent strategies. Attendees will learn how to identify and implement proactive measures to foster positive behaviors. Through discussions and examples, participants will gain practical insights to inspire behavior change in their daily interactions with students.

Topic 9 PM:	**Health and Safety Training – Discrimination Awareness in the Workplace & Office Ergonomics**
Entity Hosting:	Vector Solutions
Facilitators:	School Board Human Resources Department Staff
Targeted Audience:	All CDSBEO staff
Description:	Representatives from the School Board's Human Resources Department have coordinated Health and Safety training provided by *Vector Solutions* on Discrimination Awareness in the Workplace & Office Ergonomics.
	The first module is designed to provide basic awareness and understanding of harassment and discrimination in the workplace. This awareness can help employees build a culture that reflects inclusivity and respect for all.
	The Office Ergonomics module will review techniques to improve posture, examine stretching exercises to reduce the chance of injury, and provide instruction on proper workspace arrangements.

Staff Feedback Survey -All Staff
All staff will complete a Feedback Survey.

END OF DAY

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