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# Best Practices in First Nations Education Forum

MARCH 19-21, 2024  
VALHALLA HOTEL & CONFERENCE  
CENTRE, THUNDER BAY

# AGENDA



Mon, March 18	Tuesday, March 19			Wednesday, March 20			Thursday, March 21					
	8:00 - 9:00 AM	<b>REGISTRATION</b> - Ballroom Hallway <b>BREAKFAST</b> - Ballroom			8:00 - 9:00 AM	<b>BREAKFAST</b> - Ballroom			8:00 - 9:00 AM	<b>BREAKFAST</b> - Ballroom		
	9:00 - 9:45 AM	<b>OPENING CEREMONIES</b> Ballroom			9:00 - 9:15 AM	<b>RECAP OF DAY 1 &amp; REVIEW OF DAY 2</b> Drum Ballroom			9:00 - 9:30 AM	<b>RECAP OF DAY 2 &amp; REVIEW OF DAY 3</b> Drum Ballroom		
	9:45 - 10:45 AM	<b>Keynote Speaker - Dr. Andrew Judge</b>			9:15 - 10:15 AM	<b>Keynote Speaker - Isaac Murdoch</b>			9:30 - 10:30 AM	<b>Keynote Speaker - Cassandra Spade</b>		
	10:45 - 11:00 AM	<b>Health Break</b>			10:15 - 10:30 AM	<b>Health Break</b>			10:30 - 10:45 AM	<b>Health Break</b>		
Travel	11:00 - 12:00 PM	<b>Research-based Reading Instruction for First Nations Students</b> Kristie Clements - Greenfield Learning Inc. Ballroom 1	<b>Implementing the Science of Reading in the Primary Classroom</b> Shannon Bailey & Patti-Jo Brunton - Keewatin Patricia District School Board Scandia 3	<b>Success with Reading Intervention - Sharing Stories of Student Engagement</b> Barbara Williams - LEARNstyle Ltd Viking	10:30 - 12:00 PM	<b>Students Panel</b>			10:45 - 11:45 PM	<b>Promotion of Student/Staff Well Being in Schools</b> Wayne Mercer, Brooke Kirley, Melissa McKay, MaryAnn Nawagesic - Matagami First Nation + KPDSB + NAN Ballroom 1	<b>Building a Positive School Culture</b> Don Nahachewsky - Kwayaciiwin Education Resource Centre Scandia 3	<b>Adolescence Mental Health and It's Remedy</b> Dr. Md Abdus Salam - Neskantaga Education Centre Viking
	12:00 - 1:00 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>			12:00 - 1:00 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>			11:45 - 1:00 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>		
	1:00 - 2:00 PM	<b>Energizer: Creativity as an All Ages Wellness Activity</b> Angela Jason - Starbeam Woman Art Ballroom			1:00 - 2:30 PM	<b>Teachers Panel</b>			1:00 - 2:00 PM	<b>Indigenous Skills for Success Journey</b> Danica Isherwood, Rene Boucher - Douglas College Ballroom 1	<b>Voices of Indigenous Youth on the Impact of the Pandemic on their Education and the Way Forward</b> Moffat Makuto - Regional MultiCultural Youth Council (RMYC) Scandia 3	<b>Embracing: Our Children, Our Way - Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care</b> Kristy Hankila - Nishnawbe Aski Nation Viking
	2:00 - 2:15 PM	<b>Health Break</b>			2:30 - 2:45 PM	<b>Health Break</b>			2:00 - 2:15 PM	<b>Health Break</b>		
	2:15 - 3:15 PM	<b>Northwestern Health Unit (NWHU) Community Pathways Partnership Program (CPPP)</b> Carrie Nagy, Florence Gray, Connor Kilpatrick - Northwestern Health Unit Ballroom 1	<b>Nurturing Indigenous Entrepreneurship in Schools</b> Carolyn Carlson - Martin Family Initiative (MFI) Scandia 3	<b>Land-Based Learning and the Ontario Curriculum</b> Sylvie Roy - Huron Superior Catholic District School Board, Our Lady of Fatima School Chapleau Viking	2:45 - 3:45 PM	<b>NAN Directory App</b> Emma Krakower - Nishnawbe Aski Nation Ballroom 1	<b>Uprooted: Grounding Instruction in Indigenous Worldviews</b> Julie Harmer, Catherine Rodger - Seven Generations Education Institute Scandia 3	<b>Connecting Classrooms &amp; Cultures: The Connected North Experience</b> Katie Burch - Connected North-Taking IT Global Viking	2:15 - 3:15 PM	<b>Tipachimowin: Finding Your Voice, Finding Your Story</b> Michael Etherington - International Speaker & Cross Cultural Trainer Ballroom		
<b>REGISTRATION</b> 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM Lobby	3:15 - 3:30 PM	<b>Health Break</b>										
	3:30 - 4:30 PM	<b>Empowering Against Harm: Proactive Strategies for tackling Bullying and Cyberbullying</b> Marietta Beardy-Duncan & Rosan Wesley - KAA-bi-mi-wii-chi-hach inc. & Advocacy Services Ballroom			3:45 - 4:45 PM	<b>Elder Endorsement Model/Language Circles - Alternative Indigenous Language Teacher Certification Program</b> Romaine Mitchell - Ontario Ministry of Education-Indigenous Education Office Ballroom 1	<b>A 3-Year Pilot: NAN Mino Bimaadiziwin Student Wellness Program</b> Ro'nikonkatste (Standing Strong Spirit) - Valerie Michelutti - Noojimo Health Scandia 3		3:15 - 4:00 PM	<b>CLOSING CEREMONIES</b> Prize Draws Ballroom		
	4:30 - 4:45pm	<b>Recap &amp; Closing Day 1</b> Ballroom			4:45 - 5:00 PM	<b>Recap &amp; Closing Day 2</b> Ballroom						