

ADSB PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

January 30, 2026



This agenda provides an overview for families of the learning expectations for academic staff on this full day of professional activity.

TOPIC ONE: SEMESTER TWO IMPROVEMENT TO SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS FULL DAY

Host: School

Facilitator: Secondary Principals & Vice-Principals

Mode: In-Person

Educators: Secondary Teachers

- Teachers and school teams will reflect on what they learned about their practices through their semester one classroom and school improvement plans
- Teachers and school teams will articulate their focus for improvement in semester two to promote student success

TOPIC TWO: MATH, ENGLISH, SCIENCE AND GEOGRAPHY IMPROVEMENT WORK FULL DAY

Host: School Board

Facilitator: System Program Team

Mode: In-Person (Department Heads) & Virtual (District Teachers)

Educators: Department Heads - Math, English, Science, Geography (5 hours); District Teachers (2 hours)

- Department Heads will explore their role in supporting the work of school improvement and tools, strategies and structures to support that work (Posting)
- Educators (Heads and District Teachers) will engage in learning through lens of their school improvement focus (explicit instruction, accountable talk, assessment)
- Educators will deepen their understanding of their curriculum through cross-school collaboration
- Department Heads will plan the upcoming learning cycle (February-April) for their team of teachers

TOPIC THREE: ANISHINAABEMOWIN FULL DAY

Host: School Board

Facilitator: Mary Otakwadjiwan

Mode: In-Person (WC Eaket – Blind River)

Educators: All Secondary Anishinaabemowin Teachers

- Secondary Anishinaabemowin teachers will engage in a professional learning and networking opportunity with a focus on mentoring, curriculum implementation and program implementation.

TOPIC FOUR: ASSESSMENT & REPORTING FULL DAY

Host: School Board

Facilitator: Teacher

Mode: In-Person

Educators: All K-8 Teachers, Early Childhood Educators (Contributors)

- Educators will reflect on assessment and evaluation information to develop term one report cards.

TOPIC FIVE: BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS REFRESHER TRAINING 2-3 HOURS (AM)

Host: School

Facilitator: Special Education/Safe Schools Team

Mode: Virtual

Educators: Educational Assistants & Elementary Vice-Principals

- Behaviour Management Systems (BMS) focuses on preventative measures and safety when responding to student behaviour. Educational Assistants and Elementary Vice-Principals will complete virtual refresher training as a group at their school sites.

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TOPIC SIX: BEYOND THE HAZE: YOUTH VAPING AND YOUR ROLE

10:00 – 11:00 AM

Host: School

Facilitator: Luc Grey, Lung Health Foundation,

Mode: Virtual – Webinar

Educators: Secondary Teachers and Educational Assistants

- Staff will participate in a webinar related to vaping including reasons youth vape, health impacts of vaping, and practical strategies for engaging youth in conversations about vaping.

TOPIC SEVEN: ONLINE INCIDENT REPORTING SOFTWARE TRAINING

15 MINUTES (AM)

Host: School

Facilitator: School Administrators

Mode: Online

Educators: Secondary Teachers, Educational Assistants, Early Childhood Educators

- Educators will complete an online training session focused on differentiating between different types of incident reporting (e.g. Workplace Violence Reporting, Safe Schools Incident reporting), and the use of the On-line Reporting Tool.

TOPIC EIGHT: PREPARATION OF LEARNING SUPPORT MATERIALS

1-2 HOURS (PM)

Host: School

Facilitator: Principal/Vice-Principal

Mode: In-Person

Educators: Educational Assistants

- Based on the needs of the school and classroom, educational assistants will prepare the individualized resources required to support programming for students with special education needs (e.g. visual schedules, learning bins).

TOPIC NINE: IMPLEMENTING NEEDS-BASED SUPPORTS AND STRATEGIES

1-2 HOURS (PM)

Host: School

Facilitator: Principal/Vice-Principal

Mode: In-Person

Educators: Educational Assistants

- Educational Assistants will participate in professional learning led by the school Admin Team focused on the role of educators as a resource to implement (and build student independence in implementing) supports and strategies used in Individual Education Plans and Behaviour Management Plans in the classroom and across the school.

TOPIC TEN: ONSIS TRAINING

1-2 HOURS (AM)

Host: School Board

Facilitator: IT Department

Mode: Virtual

Educators: Clerical

- Clerical staff will participate in professional learning led by the IT Department to review procedures for month-end reporting in ONSIS. Staff review specific examples, common reporting issues, and will receive corrective feedback.

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TOPIC ELEVEN: MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

FULL DAY

Host: School Board

Facilitator: School Boards Cooperative Inc.

Mode: Virtual

Educators: Group of Interested Elementary Teachers, Secondary Teachers, and Support Staff

Mental Health First Aid Training focuses on the following topics:

- Recognizing early signs of mental health challenges
- Responding supportively with the ALGES framework
- Reducing stigma and enhancing team empathy
- Learning how to identify suicide warning signs and respond with confidence
- Exploring basic self-care techniques