

November 6, 2024

In compliance with [R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 304: SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR, PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAYS \(ontario.ca\)](#), we are required to make details regarding any upcoming PA Days available to parents/guardians. Following is a description of the upcoming November 22, 2024 Professional Activity Day for DPCDSB elementary schools.

ELEMENTARY

Date: November 22, 2024

Length: Full Day

Entity Hosting: School Board

Presenter(s)/ Facilitator(s): School / board staff

TOPIC 1 - AM: SCHOOL SAFETY

Description: Teachers will complete training on trauma-informed de-escalation strategies through coursework from The Crisis Prevention Institute.

TOPIC 2 - PM: CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION WITH AN EMPHASIS ON LITERACY AND STEM: TECHNOLOGY AND AI

Description: Teachers will learn about artificial intelligence, consider potential privacy and safety concerns, and the impact of AI on teaching and learning.

TOPIC 3 - PM: CELL PHONE AND VAPING

Description: In compliance with PPM 128, staff will engage in professional learning to support their understanding of the academic and health impacts of substance use like vaping and excessive cellphone use by students to remove classroom distractions and improve student achievement.

TOPIC 4 - PM: LITERACY

Description: Teachers will be given the opportunity to review recently revised curriculum and work ensuring curriculum fidelity. Time to confirm compliance with PPM 168 and the administration of the reading screener is also provided in this topic.

SECONDARY

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TOPIC 4 - PM: GUIDANCE AND CAREER EDUCATION

Description: Teachers will be given the opportunity to consider the importance of high demand economic sectors in local employer/labour markets and the impact that has on students' academic choices.