



Connecting with Professional Learning

CPCO Professional Learning:

- Celebrates our distinct Catholic identity and Gospel values;
- Reflects leading edge research, scholarship and adult learning principles;
- Promotes equity, accessibility and diversity;
- Supports job-embedded learning, professional dialogue and the sharing of promising practices;
- Employs a variety of instructional approaches including technology to ensure timely and effective delivery;
- Reflects the Catholic Leadership Framework and current the ministry initiatives; and
- Responds to the emerging needs of CPCO members.

Learning to 18 Webinar Series

Since the spring of 2008 CPCO in partnership with the Ontario Principals' Council and the ministry of education have developed and delivered a series of web conferences to support secondary school principals and vice-principals in the effective implementation of Student Success/ Learning to 18 initiatives. Registration for each webinars has been filled to capacity. The convenience, efficiency and immediacy of web conferencing as an excellent tool for job-embedded professional learning has been well articulated by members. As a result, we will be continuing with a new series that will focus on instructional leadership including strategies for supporting effective instruction in mathematics, differentiated instruction across the curriculum and at all levels, special education challenges and boys' literacy. Frank Kewin has been CPCO's lead on this very successful endeavour and we are grateful to him for his fine work.

Aboriginal Education

As part of CPCO's Equity Strategy we have partnered with the Ontario Provincial Police to bring to members the curriculum unit "Walking the Path". It has already proven to be highly effective in engaging school communities in a deeper understanding of Aboriginal education. CPCO will continue to support principal participation in the Aboriginal Awareness Experience in Mattawa A similar session is being planned for the northwest. In addition CPCO is hosting a one-day symposium on March 24, 2009 in Sudbury for Catholic boards in the north called *Honoring the Spirit: Equity in Education*. The keynote speaker is singer/songwriter and activist Susan Aglukark.

Leading Student Achievement

The *Leading Student Achievement: Our Principal Purpose* is well into its fourth year and continues to generate enthusiasm. The spring symposium on May 8, 2009 will feature Peter Levesque Director of *Knowledge Mobilization Works*. It will also showcase the fine work being done by principals and school communities across the province in 'closing the achievement gap and raising the bar'. The added focus this year on Teaching –Learning Critical Pathways has met with great success. Mary Cordeiro, CPCO's project leader for LSA has done an outstanding job in coordinating this leading edge initiative.

Please visit the CPCO Professional Learning website for more information and resources at www.cpco.on.ca/professional_development/about.aspx.

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