**2025 CASS Fall Conference**
**Deerfoot Inn and Conference Centre, Calgary**
**Program-at-a-Glance**

**Wednesday, November 5, 2025 (Pre-conference)**

| Time | Session | Room |
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| **9:00 am – 10:00 am** | **Registration and Check-in** | *Foyer* |
| **10:00 am – 4:00 pm**<br>**(Lunch included)** | **CEP Course - Leading and Managing School Authority Operations and Resources**<br>Facilitators: Danica Martin, Corrine Thorsteinson<br><br>Format: Hybrid Format (10 hours) - Participants will begin with 5 hours of in-person learning at the CASS Pre-Conference, followed by two online sessions (2.5 hours each) scheduled in the weeks following the pre-conference.<br><br>• In-person – Wednesday, November 5, 2025 (10:00 am – 4:00 pm)<br>• Online – Tuesday, November 18 (8:00 am – 10:30 am)<br>• Online – Tuesday, November 25 (8:00 am – 10:30 am)<br><br>SLQS: SOAR<br>LQS: MSOR | *Room TBD* |
| **10:00 am – 4:00 pm**<br>**(Lunch included)** | **CEP Course – Leading Learning**<br>Facilitators: Shan Jorgenson-Adam, Dr. Rita Marler<br><br>Format: Hybrid Format (10 hours) - Participants will begin with 5 hours of in-person learning at the CASS Pre-Conference, followed by two online sessions (2.5 hours each) scheduled in the weeks following the pre-conference.<br>• In-person – Wednesday, November 5, 2025 (10:00 am – 4:00 pm)<br>• Online – Thursday, November 13 (3:30 – 6:00 pm)<br>• Online – Thursday, November 20 (3:30 – 6:00 pm)<br><br>SLQS: LL<br>LQS: LLC | *Room TBD* |

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| 10:00 am – 4:00 pm (Lunch included) | **CEP Course - Leading to Support Effective Governance** <br> Facilitators: Dr. Edgar Schmidt, Dr. Dwayne Zarichny <br><br> Format: Hybrid Format (10 hours) - Participants will begin with 5 hours of in-person learning at the CASS Pre-Conference, followed by two online sessions (2.5 hours each) scheduled in the weeks following the pre-conference. <br><br> • In-person – Wednesday, November 6, 2024 (10:00 am – 4:00 pm) <br> • Online – Wednesday, November 13 (8:00 am – 10:30 am) <br> • Online – Wednesday, November 20 (8:00 am – 10:30 am) <br><br> <div align="right">SLQS: GOV<br>LQS: FER, EVL, URSC</div> | *Room TBD* |
| Note: These courses are open to CASS members and non-CASS members. Regulated members will earn 10 CEP credits upon course completion. | | |

## Wednesday (evening), November 5, 2025

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| Note: Regulated members who attend the entire conference are eligible to earn 10 CEP credits. <br> For those attending only part of the conference, calculate one hour of professional learning = 1 CEP Credit. | | |
| 6:00 – 7:00 pm | **Registration and Check In** | *Foyer* |
| 7:00 – 7:15 pm | **Conference Opening** <br> Elder Blessing (Noreen McAteer) & Land Acknowledgement; O Canada <br> Welcome Remarks <br> Platinum & Gold Sponsor Remarks | *Sundance Ballroom* |
| 7:15 – 8:45 pm | **Interactive Keynote - Leading in the Age of Generative AI: Promise and Pitfalls** <br> Presenter: Dr. Alec Couros <br><br> <div align="right">SLQS: VL<br>LQS: EVL</div> | *Sundance Ballroom* |
| 8:45 – 9:00 pm | **Professional Networking & Transition Break** | |
| 9:00 pm | **President's Reception** | *Chrome Room* |

# Thursday, November 6, 2025

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| **7:30 am – 8:15 am** | **Breakfast / Registration** | | | | *Foyer* |
| **8:15 am – 8:30 am** | **Land Acknowledgement, Opening Remarks, Platinum & Gold Sponsor Remarks** | | | | *Sundance Ballroom* |
| **8:30 am – 8:45 am** | **Professional Networking and Transition Break** | | | | |
| **8:45 am – 10:15 am** | **Communities of Practice (For Regulated and Eligible Members)** | | | | |
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| **Curriculum, Assessment & Technology** Facilitated by: Erin Tisdale SLQS: BER, MCPL, VL, LL LQS: FER, MCPL, EVL, LLC | **Deputy Superintendents** Facilitated by: Greg Wedman SLQS: BER, MCPL, VL, LL, GOV | **First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education** Facilitated by: TBD SLQS: BER, MCPL, VL, LL, EFNMI LQS: FER, MCPL, EVL, LLC, SFNMI | **Human Resources / People Services** Facilitated by: Mark Siemens SLQS: BER, MCPL, VL, LL LQS: FER, MCPL, EVL, LLC | **Inclusive Education** Facilitated by: Irene Donaldson SLQS: BER, MCPL, VL, LL LQS: FER, MCPL, EVL, LLC | **Superintendents** Facilitated by: Mike McMann SLQS: BER, MCPL, VL, LL, GOV |
| **10:15 am – 10:45 am** | **Professional Networking & Transition Break** | | | | |
| **10:45 am – 12:00 pm** | **Alberta Stories of Practice / Breakout Sessions** | | | | |
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| **CASS as Regulator: Upholding Standards in System Education Leadership** Presenter: David Keohane SLQS: MCPL, LL, GOV LQS: MCPL, LLC, URSC | **Collaborating for Impact: Lessons from CASA Mental Health and Sturgeon Public Schools** Presenters: Lori Roe, Shawna Warren, Shelley Greenwood SLQS: BER, SOAR LQS: FER, MSOR | **Designing Futures: Collegiate Schools Showcase Part 1 of 2** Presenters: Jennifer Robson, Tammy Tkachuk, Colleen Symyrozum-Watt SLQS: BER, VL LQS: FER, EVL *Non-CASS members can attend this session by paying a registration fee. This allows individuals outside of CASS to participate and benefit from the content provided.* | **Eyes on Books - A Leadership Book Tasting Experience** Presenters: Sharon Cronin, Lori Meyer SLQS: MCPL, LL LQS: MCPL, LLC | **Hiring: Getting it Right Before it Goes Wrong** Presenter: Colin Fetter SLQS: BER, SOAR LQS: FER, MSOR | **Leading in the Age of Generative AI: A Deeper Dive** Presenter: Dr. Alec Couros SLQS: MCPL, VL LQS: MCPL, EVL |
| **12:00 pm – 1:00 pm** | **Lunch – Visit our sponsors!** | | | | |
| **1:00 pm – 3:00 pm** | **Breakout Sessions (2-hour sessions)** | | | | |
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| **Designing Futures: Collegiate Schools Showcase Part 2 of 2**<br><br>Presenters: Jennifer Robson, Tammy Tkachuk, Colleen Symyrozum-Watt<br><br>SLQS: BER, VL<br>LQS: FER, LLC | **Embrace Complexity: It's Where the Future Lives**<br><br>Presenters: Lisa Lindsay, Corey Steeves<br><br>SLQS: BER, MCPL, VL<br>LQS: MCPL, EVL, DLC | **Generative AI 101 for System Education Leaders**<br><br>Presenter: Dr. Alec Couros<br><br>SLQS: MCPL, VL<br>LQS: MCPL, EVL | **Leading The Way: Visionary Leadership for System Wide Impact with GPPSD**<br><br>Presenters: Sandy McDonald, Corinne Kruse, Paul Therrien, Nancy Gorgichuk, Kimberly Frykas<br><br>SLQS: VL, LL<br>LQS: EVL, PIL, DLC | **Managing Aggressive Student Behaviours: A System Education Leader's Learning Lab**<br><br>Presenters: Irene Donaldson, Danica Martin<br><br>SLQS: MCPL, VL, SOAR<br>LQS: MCPL, EVL, PIL, MSOR | **The Cure for What Ails You: Walking the Fine Line of Workplace Mental Health Issues and the Duty to Accommodate**<br><br>Presenter: Colin Fetter<br><br>SLQS: BER, SOAR<br>LQS: FER, MSOR |

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| **3:00 pm – 3:15 pm** | **Professional Networking & Transition Break** | |
| **3:15 pm – 4:30 pm** | **Annual General Meeting (For Regulated Members)** | *Sundance Ballroom* |
| **5:00 pm – 6:00 pm** | **Mentorship Networking** | *Bridlewood A&B* |

## Friday, November 7, 2025

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| **7:30 am – 8:15 am** | **Breakfast / Registration** |
| **8:15 am – 8:45 am** | **Elder Reflection / Land Acknowledgement**<br>**Remarks from Alberta Education** *(To be confirmed)*<br>**CASS Remarks** |
| **8:45 am – 9:00 am** | **Professional Networking & Transition Break** |
| **9:00 am – 10:30 am** | **Alberta Stories of Practice / Breakout Sessions** |

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| **AI in Action: Supporting All Learners in Foothills School Division**<br><br>Presenters: Caroline Roberts, Chase Ellis, Dinah Van Donzel, Charity Tegler, Cora-Leah Schmitt, Doug Stevens, Sally Smith<br><br>SLQS: VL, LL<br>LQS: EVL, LLC | **Introducing an Employee Absence Management Program**<br><br>Presenter: Laurie Copeland, Heather Goodman<br><br>SLQS: BER, SOAR<br>LQS: FER, MSOR | **Leading Learning: Building Instructional Capacity and Measuring What Matters**<br><br>Presenters: Doug Duff, Nicole Lafreniere<br><br>SLQS: VL, LL<br>LQS: LLC, PIL | **New Superintendent; New Board: Learning to Lead Together**<br><br>Presenter: Shauna Boyce<br><br>SLQS: BER, GOV<br>LQS: DLC, URSC | **Walking Alongside You(th) Indigenous Youth: Language and Culture in Education**<br><br>Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Markides<br><br>SLQS: BER, EFNMI<br>LQS: FER, SFNMI | **Privacy Impact Assessments: Why They Matter and How to Begin**<br><br>Presenter: Jesse Sadlowski<br><br>SLQS: SOAR, GOV<br>LQS: LLC. MSOR |

| 10:30 am – 10:45 am | Professional Networking & Transition Break | | | | |
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| 10:45 am – 12:00 pm | Alberta Stories of Practice / Breakout Sessions | | | | |
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| **Collaborative Response in the Calgary Board of Education (CBE)**<br><br>Presenters: Lori Pritchard, Kurtis Hewson<br><br>SLQS: MCPL, LL, FNMI<br>LQS: MCPL, LLC, FNMI | **Collective Teacher Efficacy: Leading System-Wide Transformation to Address Staff Well-Being and Classroom Complexity**<br><br>Presenter:<br>Dr. Adriana Klassen | **Educating Deaf/Hard of Hearing Students in Neighbourhood Schools in Alberta**<br><br>Presenters: Dr. Colleen McClure, Nicole Short<br><br>SLQS: MCPL, LL<br>LQS: MCPL, PIL | **Developing a Long-term Recruitment Strategy for Teachers**<br><br>Presenters: Mike McMann<br><br>SLQS: BER, VL<br>LQS: FER, EVL | **From Vision to Action: Custom Tooling for Generative AI in Alberta Schools**<br><br>Presenters: Chris Gilmour, Shannon Bennett, Jo-Anne Lanctot, Dr. Mohammad Keyhani, Dr. Soroush Sabbaghan<br><br>SLQS: VL, LL<br>LQS: EVL, LLC | **The Power of Process: Advancing Writing Instruction System-Wide Through Collaborative Rubric Development**<br><br>Presenters: Dinah VanDonzel, Miriam Ramzy, Michelle Bence<br><br>SLQS: MCPL, LL<br>LQS: LLC, PIL |
| 12:00 pm – 12:15 pm | Professional Networking & Transition Break | | | | |
| 12:15 pm | **Lunch and Prize Draws** 12:45 p.m. – Onwards (optional) time for school authority teams to meet | | | | *Sundance Ballroom* |

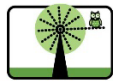| Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard | Leadership Quality Standard |
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| **MCPL –** Modelling Commitment to Professional Learning | **MCPL -** Modeling Commitment to Professional Learning |
| **VL –** Visionary Leadership | **EVL -** Embodying Visionary Leadership |
| **LL –** Leading Learning | **LLC -** Leading a Learning Community |
| **EFNMI –** Ensuring First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education for All Students | **SFNMI -** Supporting the Application of Foundational Knowledge about First Nations, Métis and Inuit |
| | **PIL -** Providing Instructional Leadership |
| | **DLC -** Developing Leadership Capacity |
| **SOAR –** School Authority Operations and Resources | **MSOR -** Managing School Operations and Resources |
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| **GOV –** Supporting Effective Governance | |

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