

**Pre-conference: Wednesday, March 18, 2026**

9:30 – 10:00 am	Registration and Check In	Location
<p><b>10:00 am – 4:00 pm</b> <b>(Lunch included)</b></p>	<p><b>CEP Course - Developing Leadership Capacity at the System Level: The Ripple Effect</b> Facilitators: Danica Martin &amp; Mark Siemens; Host: Michael Kilcommons <i>Hybrid Format (10 hours): Includes 5 hours of in-person learning at the CASS Pre-Conference, followed by two 2.5-hour online sessions delivered in the weeks after the conference.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>In-person – Wednesday, March 18, 2026 (10:00 am – 4:00 pm)</i></li> <li><i>Online – Wednesday, March 25, 2026 (3:30 pm – 6:00 pm)</i></li> <li><i>Online – Wednesday, April 1, 2026 (3:30 pm – 6:00 pm)</i></li> </ul> <p align="right">SLQS: LL LQS: DLC</p>	<p align="center"><i>Rundle</i></p>
<p><b>10:00 am – 4:00 pm</b> <b>(Lunch included)</b></p>	<p><b>CEP Course - Supporting Effective Governance: Hacks and Heuristics</b> Facilitators: Dr. Scott Morrison &amp; Dr. Andrea Holowka; Host: Ian Gray <i>Hybrid Format (10 hours): Includes 5 hours of in-person learning at the CASS Pre-Conference, followed by two 2.5-hour online sessions delivered in the weeks after the conference.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>In-person – Wednesday, March 18, 2026 - (10:00 am – 4:00 pm)</i></li> <li><i>Online – Wednesday, March 25, 2026 (8:00 am – 10:30 am)</i></li> <li><i>Online – Wednesday, April 1, 2026 (8:00 am – 10:30 am)</i></li> </ul> <p align="right">SLQS: GOV LQS: FER</p>	<p align="center"><i>Emerald/Amethsyt</i></p>
<p><b>10:00 am – 4:00 pm</b> <b>(Lunch included)</b></p>	<p><b>CEP Course – Visionary Leadership in Action: Implementing a Continuum of Supports and Services</b> Facilitators: Loriann Stienwand &amp; Dr. Dianne McConnell; Host – Kris Van Wieren <i>Hybrid Format (10 hours): Includes 5 hours of in-person learning at the CASS Pre-Conference, followed by two 2.5-hour online sessions delivered in the weeks after the conference.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>In-person – Wednesday, March 18, 2026 (10:00 am – 4:00 pm)</i></li> <li><i>Online – Wednesday, March 25, 2026 (8:00 am – 10:30 am)</i></li> <li><i>Online – Wednesday, April 1, 2026 (8:00 am – 10:30 am)</i></li> </ul> <p align="right">SLQS: VL LQS: EVL</p>	<p align="center"><i>Morraine/Maligne</i></p>

**Note: The CEP courses are open to CASS members and non-CASS members. Regulated members will earn 10 CEP credits upon course completion.**

## Conference Opening: Wednesday Evening, March 18, 2026

<b>Note: Regulated members who attend the entire conference are eligible to earn 10 CEP credits.            For those attending only part of the conference, calculate one hour of professional learning = 1 CEP Credit.</b>		
<b>6:00 – 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Registration and Check In</b>	<i>Ballroom Foyer</i>
<b>7:00 – 7:30 pm</b>	<b>Conference Opening</b> Opening Remarks, Elder Blessing, Land Acknowledgement & O Canada Greetings from the Honourable Demetrios Nicolaidis, Minister of Education and Childcare Platinum & Gold Sponsor Video Remarks	<i>Palisades Ballroom</i>
<b>7:30 – 8:45 pm</b>	<b>Keynote: Enhancing the Lives of Young People: Career and Mental Health Obstacles and Opportunities</b> Presenter: Dr. Kerry Bernes  Host: Mike Nightingale  <div style="text-align: right;">SLQS: MCPL LQS: MCPL</div>	
<b>8:45 pm</b>	<b>President's Reception</b>	

Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard	Leadership Quality Standard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Building Effective Relationships</li> <li>✓ Modeling Commitment to Professional Learning</li> <li>✓ Visionary Leadership</li> <li>✓ Leading Learning</li> <li>✓ Ensuring First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education for All Students</li> <li>✓ School Authority Operations and Resources</li> <li>✓ Supporting Effective Governance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Fostering Effective Relationships</li> <li>✓ Modeling Commitment to Professional Learning</li> <li>✓ Embodying Visionary Leadership</li> <li>✓ Leading a Learning Community</li> <li>✓ Supporting the Application of Foundational Knowledge about First Nations, Métis and Inuit</li> <li>✓ Providing Instructional Leadership</li> <li>✓ Developing Leadership Capacity</li> <li>✓ Managing School Operations and Resources</li> <li>✓ Understanding and Responding to the Larger Societal Context</li> </ul>
<b>BER – Building Effective Relationships</b>	<b>FER - Fostering Effective Relationships</b>
<b>MCPL – Modelling Commitment to Professional Learning</b>	<b>MCPL - Modeling Commitment to Professional Learning</b>
<b>VL – Visionary Leadership</b>	<b>EVL - Embodying Visionary Leadership</b>
<b>LL – Leading Learning</b>	<b>LLC - Leading a Learning Community</b>
<b>FNMI – Ensuring First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education for All Students</b>	<b>FNMI - Supporting the Application of Foundational Knowledge about First Nations, Métis and Inuit</b>
	<b>PIL - Providing Instructional Leadership</b>
	<b>DLC - Developing Leadership Capacity</b>
<b>SOAR – School Authority Operations and Resources</b>	<b>MSOR - Managing School Operations and Resources</b>
	<b>URSC - Understanding and Responding to the Larger Societal Context</b>
<b>GOV – Supporting Effective Governance</b>	

**Thursday, March 19, 2026**

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<b>7:30 – 8:15 am</b>	<b>Registration and Check-in Breakfast</b>					<i>Ballroom Foyer</i>
<b>8:15 – 8:45 am</b>	<b>Morning Welcome</b> Land Acknowledgement Platinum & Gold Sponsor Video Remarks					<i>Palisades Ballroom</i>
<b>8:45 – 9:00 am</b>	<b>Professional Networking &amp; Transition Break</b>					
<b>9:00 – 10:30 am</b>	<b>Communities of Practice (For Regulated and Eligible Members)</b>					
<i>Palisades Ballroom</i>	<i>SBCC 5</i>	<i>SBCC 6</i>	<i>Morraine/Maligne</i>	<i>Emerald/Amethyst</i>	<i>Rundle</i>	
<b>Curriculum, Assessment &amp; Technology</b>  Facilitated by: Erin Tisdale  Host: Penny Rose  SLQS: BER, MCPL, VL, LL LQS: FER, MCPL, EVL, LLC	<b>Deputy Superintendents</b>  Facilitated by: Greg Wedman  Host: Jody Seymour  SLQS: BER, MCPL, VL, LL, GOV	<b>First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education</b>  Facilitated by: Billie-Jo Grant  Host: Shelagh Hagemann  SLQS: BER, MCPL, VL, LL, EFNMI LQS: FER, MCPL, EVL, LLC, SFNMI	<b>Human Resources / People Services</b>  Facilitated by: Mark Siemens  Host: Mike Garrow  SLQS: BER, MCPL, VL, LL LQS: FER, MCPL, EVL, LLC	<b>Inclusive Education</b>  Facilitated by: Irene Donaldson  Host: Lisa Lindsay  SLQS: BER, MCPL, VL, LL LQS: FER, MCPL, EVL, LLC	<b>Superintendents (This session is for superintendents only.)</b>  Facilitated by: Mike McMann  Host: Tim De Ruyck  SLQS: BER, MCPL, VL, LL, GOV	
<b>10:30 – 10:45 am</b>	<b>Professional Networking &amp; Transition Break</b>					
<b>10:45 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Alberta Stories of Practice and Research-based Sessions</b>					
<i>SBCC 5</i>	<i>Rundle</i>	<i>SBCC 7</i>	<i>Morraine/Maligne</i>	<i>SBCC 6</i>	<i>Palisades Ballroom</i>	<i>Emerald/Amethyst</i>
<b>Advancing Implementation Across Alberta’s Collegiate Community (Part One)</b>  Presenters: Jennifer Robson, Tammy	<b>ATIA and POPA: What School Authorities Need to Know</b>  Presenter: Lorne Randa  Host: Vincent Behm	<b>Collaborative Governance: Leading with Your Board (This session is for superintendents only.)</b>	<b>Meeting and Exceeding the September 2025 Ministerial Mandates for Career Education and Student Mental Health</b>	<b>The Power of Listening: Cultivating Staff Wellness at Kainai Board of Education</b>  Presenters: Cameron Shade, Amber Hester	<b>Who Takes Care of the Leaders?</b>  Presenters: Dr. Christopher Fuzessy, Dr. Nadia Delanoy, Dr. Stephen MacGregor Host: Robert Lessard	<b>When Leaders Follow: A Journey to Grassroots Staff Wellness - Building the NGPS 3 Year Strategic Plan from the Ground Up</b>

Tkachuk, Tracey Millar  Host: Colleen Symyrozum-Watt  SLQS: VL, SOAR LQS: FER, MSOR	SLQS: MCPL, SOAR LQS: MCPL, MSOR	Presenters: Karl Germann & Dr. Rita Marler  Host: Cal Johnson  SLQS: BER, GOV	Presenter: Dr. Kerry Bernes  Host: Laurie Kardynal  SLQS: BER, VL, LL LQS: FER, EVL, LLC, URSC	Host: Juanita Roy  SLQS: BER, MCPL, FNMI LQS: FER, MCPL, FNMI	SLQS: BER, MCPL, VL, LL, SOAR LQS: FER, MCPL, EVL, LLC, DLC, MSOR	Presenters: Tammy Davis, Lorna Vardy  Host: Cynthia Shelley-Lewis  SLQS: BER, MCPL, VL LQS: FER, EVL, LLC
<b>12:00 – 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch and Sponsor Engagement</b>					
<b>1:00 – 3:00 pm</b>	<b>Alberta Stories of Practice and Research-based Sessions</b>					
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<b>Advancing Implementation Across Alberta's Collegiate Community (Part Two)</b>  Presenters: Jennifer Robson, Tammy Tkachuk, Tracey Millar  Host: Colleen Symyrozum-Watt  SLQS: VL, SOAR LQS: FER, MSOR	<b>Aggression &amp; Complexity in Schools: Action Team Report</b>  Presenter: Joanne Pitman  Host: Jeff Grimsdale  SLQS: BER, VL, FNMI, SOAR LQS: FER, EVL, DLC, URSC	<b>Analyzing Provincial Assessment Test and Diploma Exam Detailed Reports</b>  Presenters: Janet Rockwood, Donnalyn Moreland, Terri Lynn Mundorf, Dr. Paul MacDonald, Joy Wicks-Oyedele, Nathalie Langstaedtler  Host: Jacealyn Hempel  SLQS: MCPL, LL LQS: MCPL, PIL	<b>Financial Literacy for Superintendents (This session is for superintendents only.)</b>  Presenters: Karl Germann & Dr. Rita Marler  Host: Cindy Escott  SLQS: VL, LL, SOAR, GOV	<b>Foundations of Career Education: Empowering Life-Long Career Readiness</b>  Presenters: Jason Drent, Jackie Taylor, Diana White, Chris Adamson  Host: Roger Lauck  SLQS: VL, LL LQS: LLC, PIL	<b>Leading a Systemic Approach to Wellbeing</b>  Presenters: Annalee Nutter, Cynthia Shelley-Lewis, Chris Smeaton, Dr. Gail Markin  Host: Danica Martin  SLQS: BER, GOV LQS: FER, EVL	<b>Workplace Investigation Bootcamp</b>  Presenters: Yvon Prefontaine  Host: Jimmi Lou Irvine  SLQS: MCPL, SOAR LQS: MCPL, MSOR
<b>3:00 – 3:15 pm</b>	<b>Professional Networking &amp; Transition Break</b>					
<b>3:15 – 3:30 pm</b>	<b>Door Prize Draws – must be present to win</b>					<i>Palisades Ballroom</i>
<b>3:30 – 3:45 pm</b>	<b>Professional Networking &amp; Transition Break</b>					

<b>3:45 – 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Special General Meeting (for Regulated Members)</b>	<i>Palisades Ballroom</i>
<b>5:00 – 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Mentorship Networking hosted by Dr. Edgar Schmidt, CASS Mentorship Coordinator</b>	<i>Emerald/Amethyst</i>
<b>6:30 – 9:00 pm</b>	<b>Retirement Banquet (for Retirees and Invited Guests)</b>	<i>Morraine/Maligne</i>

### Friday, March 20, 2026

<b>7:30– 8:15 am</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>					
<b>8:15 – 8:45 am</b>	<b>Morning Welcome</b> Land Acknowledgement Platinum & Gold Sponsor Video Remarks					
<b>8:45 – 9:00 am</b>	<b>Professional Networking &amp; Transition Break</b>					
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<b>Belonging and Improved Educational Outcomes: Enhancing the Inclusive Experiences of Autistic Students</b>  Presenters: Dr. Shane Lynch & Valerie Dyck  Host: Nicole Zimmerman  SLQS: VL, LL LQS: FER, EVL	<b>Differentiation for Leading Principal Leaders</b>  Presenters: Steve Petingola, Deneen Nolan, John McDonald, Carolyn Lodermeier  Host: Kimberly Frykas  SLQS: LL LQS: LLC, DLC	<b>Empowering Educators with Foundational Indigenous Curriculum Resources</b>  Presenters: Sandra Ciurysek, Jamie Chalifoux, Jason Bigcharles  Host: Brent Thomas  SLQS: MCPL, FNMI LQS: MCPL, FNMI	<b>From Compliance to Curiosity: Designing Classrooms That Think</b>  Presenters: Dr. Jessie Shirley & Christie Watson  Host: Kevin Bird  SLQS: VL, LL LQS: EVL, LLC, DLC	<b>Piercing the Bubble: A System Leader's Guide to Difficult Conversations</b>  Presenters: Ray Hoppins & Kurt Sacher  Host: Robbie Charlebois  SLQS: BER, SOAR LQS: FER, MSOR	<b>Stories of Practice: Leading the Recruitment and Retention of Educational Assistants</b>  Presenters: Shelley Greenwood, Lisa Lindsay, Loriann Stienwand, Dr. Edgar Schmidt  Host: Nicole Short  SLQS: BER, MCPL, SOAR LQS: FER, MCPL, MSOR	<b>Unplugged to Connect: What Systems Shift When a School Authority Adopts the Unplugged Canada Pledge?</b>  Presenters: Tania Johnson, Kirsten Sweet, Michael Graham  Host: Ron Eberts  SLQS: BER, VL, LL, GOV LQS: URSC
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<b>Leading in the Fishbowl: Safeguarding</b>	<b>Our Journey with Communication, Language and Literacy</b>	<b>Rewriting the Rural School Recruitment and Retention</b>	<b>Right Support, Right Time: Implementing a Tiered Continuum</b>	<b>Simplify Your Assurance Results</b>	<b>System Education Leaders' Roles and Responsibilities in Managing</b>	<b>The System, The Team, and The Person: Navigating</b>

<p><b>Principal Identity and Wellbeing</b></p> <p>Presenters: Erika Nelson &amp; Dr. Jodie Mattia</p> <p>Host: Scott Barr</p> <p>SLQS: BER, SOAR LQS: DLC, URSC</p>	<p><b>Development for Students with Complex Communication Needs</b></p> <p>Presenters: Dr. Kathy Look Howery, Carol Rainey, Krista Ralph</p> <p>Host: Collette Sylvestre</p> <p>SLQS: LL, SOAR LQS: LLC, PIL</p>	<p><b>Narrative: Research Insights &amp; Innovations</b></p> <p>Presenters: Bonnie Stelmach, Dr. Edgar Schmidt, Dr. Peter Barron</p> <p>Host: Natasha Wilm</p> <p>SLQS: MCPL, SOAR LQS: MCPL, MSOR</p>	<p><b>of Mental Health and Well-being Supports in Schools</b></p> <p>Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Turner</p> <p>Host: Kevin Newman</p> <p>SLQS: BER, VL, LL LQS: EVL, LLC, URSC</p>	<p>Presenter: Kylie Kissel</p> <p>Host: Tracey Millar</p> <p>SLQS: MCPL, VL, SOAR LQS: MCPL, EVL, MSOR</p>	<p><b>Aggressive Student Behaviours: Exploring the Results</b></p> <p>Presenters: Danica Martin &amp; Lori Meyer</p> <p>Host: Krystal Abrahamowicz</p> <p>SLQS: MCPL, VL, SOAR LQS: MCPL, EVL, MSOR</p>	<p><b>Identities, Team Dynamics, and Equity Policymaking in a Complex System Leadership Landscape</b></p> <p>Presenter: Dr. Mat Campbell</p> <p>Host: Danielle Maczko</p> <p>SLQS: BER, VL, SOAR, GOV LQS: FER, EVL, MSOR, URSC</p>
<p><b>12:00 pm</b></p>		<p><b>Lunch</b> – Onwards (Optional) time for school authority teams to meet</p>				<p><i>Palisades Ballroom</i></p>

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