

SECTION C-7

STAFF DEVELOPMENT


The overall goal of the Special Education Staff Development Plan.

The overall goal of the Special Education Development Plan continues to be to provide all staff with up to date information regarding the latest research and subsequent changes in methodology, Ministry directives, and policy changes.

The following 2018-2019 Special Education Professional Activities offered this year to Educational Assistants and Special Education Teachers:

**Renfrew County Catholic District School Board
List of Professional Development for Special Education Staff**

Date	Title/Description of PD	Staff Involved
Thursday, September 6, 2018	<p><u>NEW SERT Training</u> <i>St. James Catholic School, Eganville</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • overview of SERT role/responsibilities • overview of Special Education resources and key Ministry documents • overview of third-party agency supports • IEPs and CLEVR • Special Education forms for RCCDSB • overview of SEA • overview of PELI (EA allocation process) 	<p>All <u>NEW</u> Elementary and Secondary SERTs and SERT/VPs</p> <p>* All <u>NEW</u> SERTs also received on-site, job-embedded training provided by the Coordinators of Special Education as/when needed as a follow-up to the New SERT Training</p>
Tuesday, September 18, 2018	<p><u>Inaugural SERT Day of Training</u> <i>St. James Catholic School, Eganville</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an overview of the Learner Profile • Pathways for students (by Experiential Learning Coordinator, Tina Noel) • Functional Behavioural Assessments (FBAs) • SERT resources and information updates 	<p>All Elementary and Secondary SERTs and SERT/VPs</p>
Thursday, October 4, 2018	<p><u>Students of Promise Presentation to RCCDSB Program Team</u> <i>Our Lady of Sorrows, Petawawa</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the importance of building relationships/connections • trauma and how 	<p>ASD Team, SLP/CDA Team, Program Team, Senior Administration Team</p>
Wednesday, October 10, 2018	<p><u>NEW SEA Trainer Training</u> <i>St. John XXIII, Arnprior</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hands-on learning with iPad platform • hands-on learning with Chromebook platform • an overview of the SEA process • an overview of SEA forms 	<p>All <u>NEW</u> SEA Trainers</p>
Monday, October 29, 2018	<p><u>BMS Gap Training for Newly Hired SERTs, EA, and ECEs in Pembroke and MAD Family of Schools</u> <i>Cathedral Catholic School, Pembroke</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • overview of risk and protective factors • overview of Bronfenbrenner's Ecological Theories System • overview of Ministry legislation related to the education and care of children • overview and practice of physical interventions • participants received certification 	<p>All <u>NEW</u> SERTs, EAs, and ECEs in the Pembroke and Madawaska families of schools</p>

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<p>Tuesday, November 20, 2018</p>	<p><u>Boardmaker Online Webcast Training</u> <i>Bishop Smith Catholic High School, Pembroke</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • overview of Boardmaker Online • training to create resources specific to the various communication needs of students who use picture symbols • overview of how to access pre-made resources in the Boardmaker Online community 	<p>ASD Team, SLP Team, SERTs from SERT Effectiveness Working Group, and SERTs who support students who use Boardmaker</p>
<p>Thursday, November 22, 2018 and Thursday, November 29, 2018</p>	<p><u>SEA Trainer Training</u> Nov. 22/18- <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Nov. 29/18- <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Google Read and Write training • Review of Snapverter training • Review of SEA trainer procedures and forms 	<p>All SEA Trainers</p>
<p>Tuesday, January 22, 2019</p>	<p><u>Mental Health Treatment in a School Setting</u> <i>St. Thomas the Apostle (webcast by Geneva Centre)</i></p> 	<p>Board's ABA Specialist <i>Whitney Weiss</i> Board's ABA EA <i>Donna Santerre</i> Board's Social Worker <i>Kevin De Ruiter</i> Board's Mental Health and Wellness Lead <i>Rebecca Paulsen</i> Board's Coordinators of Special Education <i>Katherine McLaughlin & Kelly Etmanskie</i></p>

<p>Friday, February 1, 2019</p>	<p><u>Day of Professional Development for Educational Assistants</u> <i>Bishop Smith Catholic High School</i> This day of professional development included the following break-out sessions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Data Collection (student behaviour) 2. Incident Reporting 3. Google Read & Write/Snapverter <p>The day also included a presentation by Cerebral Palsy activist, Alan Shain (MASC)</p>	<p>All Educational Assistants</p>
<p>Monday, March 4, 2019</p>	<p><u>Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)- What You Need to Know</u> <i>Family and Children's Services, Renfrew Site</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is FASD and how does it occur? • Characteristics of Individuals with FASD • Strategies to Support Individuals with FASD • Resources 	<p>Coordinator of Special Education <i>Kelly Etmanskie</i> Safe Schools Coordinator <i>Sherry Godin</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, April 3 & Thursday, April 4, 2019</p>	<p><u>EOCCC (Eastern Ontario Catholic Curriculum Corporation) K-12 Catholic Curriculum Conference: Living as Joyful Disciples</u> <i>NAV Centre, Cornwall</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The conference offered a variety of break-out sessions that focused on teaching the Ontario curriculum through the lens of our Catholic faith 	<p>Coordinator of Special Education <i>Katherine McLaughlin</i> Inclusion SPATs (Special Assignment Teachers) <i>Shauna Rampton</i> and <i>Vicki Anderson</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, April 17 & Thursday, April 18, 2019</p>	<p><u>The SCERTs Model: A Comprehensive Educational Approach for Persons with ASD</u> The SCERTS Model is a research-based educational approach and multidisciplinary framework that directly addresses the core challenges faced by children and persons with ASD and related disabilities, and their families. SCERTs focuses on building competence in Social Communication, Emotional Regulation and Transactional Support as the highest priorities that must be addressed in any program, and is applicable for individuals with a wide range of abilities and ages across home, school and community settings.</p>	<p>Coordinator of Special Education <i>Katherine McLaughlin</i> ABA Specialist, <i>Whitney Weiss</i> Speech and Language Pathologists <i>Melissa Jane</i> and <i>Brouclyn Kerr</i></p>
<p>Friday, April 26, 2019</p>	<p><u>Autism Today Conference</u> <i>RA Centre, Ottawa, ON</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. June Pimm, author of <i>The Autism Story</i>, provided a history of ASD and a model for supporting students with ASD as they transition from home to school (Kindergarten) 	<p>Coordinators of Special Education <i>Katherine McLaughlin</i> and <i>Kelly Etmanskie</i> ABA Specialist <i>Whitney Weiss</i></p>

<p>Monday, May 6, 2019</p>	<p><u>7th Annual Mental Health Law for Children and Youth</u> (webcast) Topics included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What advocacy support is most appropriate? • Emerging trends in mental health among children and youth • Organizational obligations as children/youth transition through the system • Privacy, confidentiality and information sharing in the context of children and youth with mental health challenges <p>More information/details can be found at: https://www.osgoodepd.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/2019-Mental-Health-Law-for-Children-and-Youth-Apr-2.pdf</p>	<p>Coordinator of Special Education <i>Kelly Etmanskie</i> Mental Health and Wellness Lead <i>Rebecca Paulsen</i> Social Worker <i>Kevin DeRuiter</i></p>
<p>Tuesday, May 28, 2019</p>	<p><u>BMS Re-Certification for RCCDSB Master BMS Trainers</u> <i>Mary Street Education Centre, Pembroke, ON</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • overview of risk and protective factors • overview of Bronfenbrenner's Ecological Theories System • overview of Ministry legislation related to the education and care of children • overview and practice of physical interventions • RCCDSB Master Trainers receive recertification 	<p>Coordinator of Special Education <i>Kelly Etmanskie</i> Principal <i>Derek Lennox</i> Inclusion SPAT <i>Vicki Anderson</i> Educational Assistants <i>Donna Santerre</i> and <i>Brittany Graham</i></p>