



**Northeastern
Catholic District**
SCHOOL BOARD

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Northeastern Catholic DSB Detailed PA Day Summary

All Schools, including Bishop Belleau School in Moosonee, and O’Gorman High School

Date: August 28, 2025 (Bishop Belleau School – August 20, 2025)

Length: 75 minutes

Topic 1: Literacy Instruction Kindergarten to Grade 4

Entity Hosting: Schools

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Facilitated by the Superintendent of Education

Description: Kindergarten to Grade 4 English and French Immersion staff will engage in an initial learning session related to the new Core Phonics program adopted by the board for September 2025. This session will focus on the scope and sequence of lessons, lesson structure, sound wall and progress monitoring.

Resources: UFLI Teacher’s Manual; Son-au-Graphe Teacher’s Manual; UFLI Website & YouTube Videos

Length: 75 minutes

Topic 2: Mental Health at School: Promoting a healthy return to school

Entity Hosting: Elementary Schools

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Facilitated by the Board Mental Health Lead

Description: Grade 5-8 staff & Itinerant Teachers will engage in learning to support a healthy return to school. The focus will be on welcoming routines and wellness strategies, within and beyond the curriculum, using resources developed by School Mental Health Ontario.

School teams will receive

- Introductory information about student mental health
- Faith-informed mental health materials
- Explore a tool called the Wayfinder
- Receive relevant curriculum content (Grade-related curriculum focused on substance use and mental health literacy)
- Know what is available for parents this coming school year

Resources: School Mental Health Ontario MH-Lit and Curriculum Resources; Vector Student Training Platform and Wayfinder.

Length: 75 minutes

Topic 3: Setting the Stage for Student Success

Entity Hosting: Schools

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): School Administrators & Board Pastoral Care Worker

Description: Staff will engage in a short prayer service to celebrate the new school year and highlight the focus of the Pastoral Care Plan. School leaders will share their Student Achievement Plan and work with staff to set goals/priorities for Annual Learning Plans and review key board priorities.

Resources: NCDSB Board Pastoral Care Plan; Board Student Achievement Plan; School Student Achievement Plan



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Topic 4: PM – Occupational Health and Safety

Entity Hosting: Schools

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Organized by the School Board and facilitated by school administrators

Description: All NCDSB schools will engage in mandatory H&S training. School principals will facilitate a large group lecture which will include procedural reviews of Educational Excursions and Prevalent Medical Conditions. Staff will be given the opportunity to complete mandatory Vector online training modules contained in Vector Solutions.

Resources: Vector Training Solutions modules including ESA, Health and Safety Reporting, Health Emergencies, Ladder Safety, Slips, Trips and Falls, Concussions, Work Refusal and Violence in the Workplace and Sexual Harassment.