



2008
Closing the Gaps

Alberta School Boards
Association

in Alberta First Nations, Métis & Inuit Education

April 13-15, 2008

Please be advised that although this Symposium is open to everyone, those with an aboriginal background will be given first priority to register since this event is limited to 200 participants.

Sunday, April 13

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Welcome

7:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Opening Panel

7:30 pm – 8:45 pm

Questions

8:45 pm – 9:15 pm

Reception

9:15 pm – 10:30 pm

Registration

Opening Prayer & Welcome

Symposium Chair: Dr. Eric Newell

Elder's Prayer

ASBA President

Minister of Aboriginal Relations, The Hon. Gene Zwozdesky

Proactive Engagement & Partnerships

"Closing the Gaps" For Our People

Assembly of First Nations

Métis Nation of Alberta

Alberta Métis Settlements General Council

Questions/Comments

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Monday, April 14

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Opening Speaker

8:30 am – 9:00 am

Session 1

9:00 am – 10:15 am

10:15 am – 10:45 am

Questions/Comments

10:45 am – 11:15 am

Small Groups

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm

2:15 pm – 2:45 pm

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Breakfast

Minister of Aboriginal Relations, The Hon. Gene Zwozdesky

Dr. Emery Dosdall

"Closing the Gaps" to Increase FNMI Students' Successes

How to use education success data to improve system performance?

How to use data to increase governance decision making capacity?

Nutrition Break

Alberta School Boards Share Best Practices – 1st Round

Large Urban 1; Urban 1; Rural 1; Northern 1; First Nation 1

Lunch

Alberta School Boards Share Best Practices – 2nd Round

Large Urban 2; Urban 2; Rural 2; Northern 2; First Nation 2

Nutrition Break

Discussion on: Topics of Interest

What SAEF Research Reports Say? FOIP Issues; First Nation Leadership; A Business Leader's Perspective; Global K-12

"Closing Minority Education Gaps"

Banquet

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Tuesday, April 15

7:30 am – 8:30 am

8:30 am – 8:45 am

Session 2

8:45 am – 9:45 am

9:45 am – 10:00 am

10:00 am – 10:30 am

10:30 am – 11:30 am

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm

Closing Remarks

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Closing Prayer

Breakfast

Today's Agenda

Conference Chair: Dr. Eric Newell

Nathan Matthew

"Closing the Gaps": FNMI Community Engagement

What are some of the most important gaps in FNMI Education?

Who should identify these gaps?

Why collect, monitor and report on education success data?

Who owns the information or data?

How could FNMI parents & communities be involved?

How & in what format could FNMI achievement success data be reported?

Questions

Nutrition Break/Free Time

Canadian School Boards Share Best Practices

Large Urban; Urban; Rural; Northern; First Nation

Lunch

Identify Future Challenges & Removal of Barriers

Large Urban; Urban; Rural; Northern; First Nation

Dr. Eric Newell

Closing the Gaps - "Next Steps"

ASBA President

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Registration Information

Your delegate registration fee is \$393.75 (\$375.00+ \$18.75 GST). Your registration fee includes opening reception, workshops, information sessions, refreshment breaks, two breakfasts and two luncheons and Monday evening banquet. (GST 106694268RT)

Registration Deadline

The deadline for registrations is April 4, 2008.

Should there be any spots still available after the registration deadline, anyone wishing to register will have to register on-site at the registration desk on Sunday, April 13, 2008. **Please note that the registration fee for all on-site registrations will be \$420.00 (\$400.00 + \$20.00 GST).**

Payment

We will invoice boards for each registration received. Cheques should be made payable to:

Alberta School Boards Association
1200, 9925 - 109 Street
Edmonton AB T5K 2J8

Cancellation Policy

No refunds will be issued after April 4, 2008. Delegate substitutions may be made.

Accommodations

Accommodation and travel expenses are the responsibility of each participant. A preferred block of rooms has been reserved at the Delta Kananaskis, 1 Centennial Drive, Kananaskis Village, AB T0L 2H0, Tel: 403-591-7711 Fax: 403-591-7770 Toll-Free: 1-866-432-4322. Please ensure you request the Alberta School Boards Association block of rooms when making your reservation.

Conference Information

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the *Closing the Gap* Conference, please do not hesitate to contact Donna Engel at 780.451.7110 or Noreen Pownall at 780.451.7102. Program details and confirmations will be included in your delegate package.

Please fax your registration to 780.482.5659 or register on-line at www.asba.ab.ca

Registration Form PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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