Enhancing Equity in Ontario Elementary Education

October 11 & 12, 2023 9:00A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Registration now OPEN!
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Day 1

9:00am – 9:15am
Welcome Remarks

9:15am – 10:00am
PANEL A- Equity for Black Students
1. Karen Murray (System Superintendent, Equity, Anti-Oppression and Early Years, Toronto District School Board)
2. Raquel Walker (Coordinating Principal of African, Black, and Afro-Caribbean Student Success, Peel District School Board)
3. Kearie Daniel and Charline Grant (Representatives of Parents of Black Children)

10:00am – 10:45am
PANEL B – Equity for students who are Black, Indigenous and People of Colour (BIPOC)
1. Melissa Jean-Baptiste Vajda (Human Rights and Equity Advisor, Conseil scolaire catholique Providence) and Micheline Limoges (Superintendent of Education-Equity and Inclusive Education, Human Rights, Conseil scolaire catholique Providence)
2. Jacqueline Lawrence (Superintendent, Equity, Anti-Oppression and Early Years, Ottawa-Carleton District School Board)
3. Neethan Shan (Executive Director, Urban Alliance on Race Relations)

10:45am – 11:15am
Break

11:15am – 12:15pm
Moderated Discussion
Moderated by Dr. Janelle Brady (Toronto Metropolitan University), Dr. George Dei (University of Toronto), Dr. Alana Butler (Queen's University), and Dr. Vidya Shah (York University).

12:15pm – 1:15pm
Lunch

1:15pm – 2:00pm
Panel C- Equity for Disabled Students
1. Dr. Maria Karmiris (teacher and lecturer)
2. Luke Reid (human rights lawyer)
3. Ingrid Palmer (Founder, IDEAL Chief Officer at Realize Canada, Focus on Ability; parent and social advocate)

2:00pm – 2:45pm
Panel D – Equity for LBGTQ2S+ Students
1.Chelsea Takalo (Interim director of Human Rights and Equity, Brock University)
2.Malissa Bryan (Founder, Rainbow Diversity Institute)
3.Ashley (Ash) McGhee (Manager of Education and Training, the 519)

2:45pm – 3:15pm
Break

3:15pm – 4:15pm
Moderated Discussion
Moderated by Dr. Adam Davies (University of Guelph), Dr. Kathryn Underwood (Toronto Metropolitan University), Dr. Nicholas Ng-A-Fook (University of Ottawa), and Dr. Sejal Patel (Toronto Metropolitan University)

4:15pm – 4:45pm
Closing Remarks

Day 2

9:00am – 9:15am
Welcome Remarks

9:15am – 10:00am
PANEL E – Equity for Indigenous Students
1. Jodie Williams (Academic Coordinator Indigenous Education, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board)
2. Tesa Fiddler (Coordinator of Indigenous Education, Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board)
3. Nicole Ineese-Nash (Founder and Executive Director, Finding Our Power Together; Assistant Professor, Early Childhood Studies, Toronto Metropolitan University)

10:00am – 10:45am
PANEL F – Equity for Students Living in Low Sociodemographic Neighbourhoods
1. Yvonne Kelly (Community and Partnership Developer, York Region District School Board)
2. Michael Kerr (Coordinator, Colour of Poverty)
3. Maria Yau (Founder, EquiFair Research Consulting)

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Panel G – Faith-Based Equity
1. Joanne Okimawininew Dallaire (Elder (Ke Shay Hayo) and Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, Toronto Metropolitan University)
2. Aasiyah Khan (Director, Education Programs, National Council of Canadian Muslims)
3. Jess Burke (Director, EDI, and Liaison to LGBTQ2+ Partnerships, The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs)

2:00pm – 2:45pm
Panel H – Equity for Newcomer Students
1. Sita Jayaraman (Senior Manager, Human Rights and Equity, Halton Catholic District School Board)
2. Hortense Mvuemba (Community Engagement Advisor, Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est)
3. Malini Singh (Manager of Newcomer Support Services, TNO - The Neighborhood Organization)

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