

Educating for a Good Life

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MATAWA EDUCATION CONFERENCE

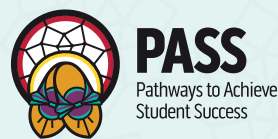
MARCH 10-12, 2026

VALHALLA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE

THUNDER BAY, ON



Agenda





Agenda Day 1

		TUESDAY (March 10)					
Travel Day	8:00 to 9:00 am	Registration - Ballroom Foyer Breakfast - Ballroom 1 <i>Please note: Registration for Non-Matawa members will open at 11:00 AM</i>					
	9:00 to 9:30 am	Welcome Remarks Stephanie Hogan <i>Ballroom</i>					
	9:30 to 10:30 am	Networking Session <i>Ballroom</i>					
	10:30 to 10:45 am	Health Break					
	10:45 am to 12:00 pm	Strategic Planning Workshops					
		Viking	Odin	Icelandic	Scandia 1	Scandia 2/3	Fireside
		Grades 4-6 teachers & classroom assistants	Grades 7-12 teachers & classroom assistants	Secretaries, O&M and Nutrition workers	Principals & Vice-Principals	Grades K-3 teachers & classroom assistants	Chiefs, Council members, Education Directors
	12:00 to 1:00 pm	Lunch					
	1:00 to 1:30 pm	Opening Ceremonies Drum Song Opening Prayer by Elder Bentley Cheechoo, Elder Cathy McGuire & Elder Wanda Baxter Welcome remarks by Georgette O'Nabigon <i>Ballroom</i>					
	1:30 to 2:30 pm	Keynote Session Shy-Anne Bartlett <i>Ballroom</i>					
2:30 to 2:45 pm	Health Break						
Registration Lobby 3:00 pm	2:45 to 4:00 pm	Symphony Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra <i>Ballroom</i>					
	4:00 to 4:30 pm	Prize Draw <i>Ballroom</i>					
Crafter & Vendor Booths - 2nd Floor - Boardrooms 2, 3, and Executive Boardroom **Note Tuesday 8:00am-12:00pm is for Matawa school staff and Matawa community members only - All other delegates are invited to join starting at 12:00pm lunch on Tuesday.							



Agenda Day 2

WEDNESDAY (March 11)						
8:00 to 9:00 am	Breakfast					
9:00 to 10:30 am	Viking	Odin	Icelandic	Scandia 1	Scandia 2/3	Boardroom 1
	Supporting Indigenous Student Wellness Through Relationship, Regulation, and Safety <i>Tyler Goode, Matawa Education and Care Centre</i>	AI Fundamentals: Platforms, Prompts and Practice <i>Katie DiBiagio, Matawa Education and Care Centre</i>	Beading is Coding <i>Kaitlin Richard, Jewel Matsch, and Monica Prodanlyk, Science North</i>	The Backbone of the School: Building Strong Operational Systems <i>Anne-Marie McMahon Dupuis and Angelina Tassone, Lakehead Public Schools</i>	All about ASD <i>Jennifer Logan and Cherie Hayward, Superior Life Skills</i>	Heat Transfer <i>Dave Fish, Perimeter Insittue for Theoretical Physics</i>
10:30 to 10:45 am	Health Break					
10:45 am to 12:00 pm	Viking	Odin	Icelandic	Scandia 1	Scandia 2/3	Boardroom 1
	Supporting the Pillars in the North <i>Lauren Moreau, Shun Michael Villegas and Brenda Daniels, Henry Coaster Memorial School</i>	Educating for a Good Life: Community, College, and Our Shared Responsibilities <i>Shadow Orwick & Jerri-Lynn Orr, Confederation College</i>	Supporting Students who are Blind, Partially Sighted, Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deafblind <i>Beth Conly-Edwards, Amanda Pollard, Amy King, Kristi Stano Provincial and Demonstration Schools Branch</i>	Leading with Care and Courage: High Expectations in Action <i>Kali Bernst and Erin Aylward, Lakehead Public Schools</i>	Language Revitalization <i>Elder Wanda Baxter, Elder Cathy McGuire and Elder Bentley Cheechoo, Matawa Waka Tere</i>	Properties of Planet Earth <i>Dave Fish, Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics</i>
12:00 to 1:00 pm	Lunch					
1:00 to 2:30 pm	Viking	Odin	Icelandic	Scandia 1	Scandia 2/3	Boardroom 1
	Supporting Indigenous Student Wellness Through Relationship, Regulation, and Safety <i>Tyler Goode, Matawa Education and Care Centre</i>	Integrating Land-Based Knowledge and Computational Thinking in Remote First Nation Contexts <i>Mayrose Salvador, Pueblo Science</i>	Beading is Coding <i>Kaitlin Richard, Jewel Matsch & Monica Prodanlyk, Science North</i>	Walking in Partnership: Authentic Engagement with Families and Community <i>Amanda Gyori and Mark Moorhouse, Lakehead Public Schools</i>	Harmony in the Classroom: An Introduction to Self-Regulation <i>Sheri Hopkins, Kelly McDougall, Shannon Jessiman, Marilyn Sewell, Keewatin-Patricia District School Board (KPDSB)</i>	Introduction to Native Education Counselling: ONECA and the NCTP <i>Joyce Hunter, Ontario Native Education Counselling Association (ONECA)</i>
2:30 to 2:45 pm	Health Break					
2:45 to 4:00 pm	Viking	Odin	Icelandic	Scandia 1	Scandia 2/3	Boardroom 1
	Niswi Niizh Bezhig Ambe 3,2,1 Let's Go! 3 Quick STEM Lessons for Your Classroom <i>Emily Kerton, Elliott Cromarty & Dave Bates Lakehead Schools & Fort William Historical Park</i>	AI Fundamentals: Platforms, Prompts and Practice <i>Katie DiBiagio, Matawa Education and Care Centre</i>	The Power of Story: Understanding Ourselves and Empowering Our Spirit <i>Mary Ann Nawagesic, Matawa Education and Care Centre</i>	Fire and Life Safety & Intro to All-Hazards Emergency Management <i>Monica Budiselic & Morris Douglas, Matawa First Nations Management</i>	CONTINUED: Harmony in the Classroom: An Introduction to Self-Regulation <i>Sheri Hopkins, Kelly McDougall, Shannon Jessiman, Marilyn Sewell, Keewatin-Patricia District School Board (KPDSB)</i>	Fostering Creativity and Problem-Solving in Students - A Hands-On Introduction to Design Thinking in Education <i>Dely Goicochea, Tecky Brains Social Impact Canada</i>
4:00 to 4:30 pm	Prize Draw Ballroom					
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Agenda Day 3

THURSDAY (March 12)							FRIDAY
8:00 to 9:00 am	Breakfast						Travel Home Safely
9:00 to 10:30 am	Viking	Odin	Icelandic	Scandia 1	Scandia 2/3	Boardroom 1	
	Culturally Responsive English Programming <i>Lindsay Johnson & Heather Alanen, Matawa Education and Care Centre</i>	Star Blanket Conversations <i>Jennifer Manitowabi, Jacob Bluecoat & Sara Hando, Connected North</i>	Moccasin Curriculum: Training School Staff to Make Split Toe Moccasins <i>Mary Ann Nawagesic, Matawa Education & Care Centre</i>	Growing Success: Assessment & Evaluation with an Indigenous Lens <i>Rita Mannella, Matawa Education & Care Centre</i>	Harmony in the Classroom: An Introduction to Self-Regulation <i>Sheri Hopkins, Kelly McDougall, Shannon Jessiman, Marilyn Sewell, Keewatin-Patricia District School Board (KPD SB)</i>	Mentorship in Education <i>Wayne Mercer, Keewatin-Patricia District School Board (KPD SB)</i>	
10:30 to 10:45 am	Health Break						
10:45 am to 12:00 pm	Viking	Odin	Icelandic	Scandia 1	Scandia 2/3	Boardroom 1	
	Intro to Art Therapy <i>Jenifer LaFrance, Clearwater Art Therapy</i>	Overview of Education Jurisdiction <i>Bryan Achneepineskum, Nishnawbe Aski Nation</i>	Epigenetics - Living Mino Bimaadziwin <i>Corine Bannon and Orville Councilor, Lakehead District School Board</i>	Google Tools for School Secretaries & Operations Pros <i>Shelby Ch'ng, Matawa Education & Care Centre</i>	CONTINUED: Harmony in the Classroom: An Introduction to Self-Regulation <i>Sheri Hopkins, Kelly McDougall, Shannon Jessiman, Marilyn Sewell, Keewatin-Patricia District School Board (KPD SB)</i>	Finding Patterns in Science <i>Dave Fish, Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics</i>	
12:00 to 1:00 pm	Lunch						
1:00 to 2:30 pm	Viking	Odin	Icelandic	Scandia 1	Scandia 2/3	Boardroom 1	
	Intro to Art Therapy <i>Jenifer LaFrance, Clearwater Art Therapy</i>	Star Blanket Conversations <i>Jennifer Manitowabi, Jacob Bluecoat & Sara Hando, Connected North</i>	Moccasin Curriculum: Training School Staff to Make Split Toe Moccasins <i>Mary Ann Nawagesic, Matawa Education & Care Centre</i>	Growing Success: Assessment & Evaluation with an Indigenous Lens <i>Rita Mannella, Matawa Education & Care Centre</i>	Reflecting on my education as a Matawa Post-Secondary Student <i>Ali Maunula & Kayla Dupuis, Matawa Education & Care Centre</i>	Matawa Health Cooperative Services from a Youth Perspective <i>Crystal Bell, Matawa Health Cooperative, Matawa Training & Wellness Centre</i>	
2:30 to 2:45 pm	Health Break						
2:45 to 4:00 pm	Closing Ceremonies & Prize Draw Closing Remarks by Dr. Sharon Nate, Chief Executive Officer Closing Prayer by Elder Bentley Cheechoo, Elder Cathy McGuire, Elder Wanda Baxter Drum Song Prize Draw for delegates in attendance <i>Ballroom</i>						
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