



EduTech West

The Evolution of Learning



Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Vancouver | 8:00am PT

Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront

1133 W Hastings St, Vancouver, BC V6E 3T3

Agenda at a glance

Education systems have faced a tremendous shift over the past few years. The way in which both educators and their students interact has changed. With the world's growing demand for faster, smarter and more efficient solutions, it's no surprise that technology has become an integrated part of teaching and learning. While the push for online learning was predominantly due to the pandemic, schools, educators and ministries were already in the process of rolling out policies aimed to promote the use of innovative technologies in the classroom.

While the use of Education Technology and interactive tools may have been the next step for higher learning, it is vital to address the complexities of this transformation. Ensuring that students can continue their studies, have access, and succeed within their respective classes remains the primary objective. Furthermore, guaranteeing that educators are also equipped with the knowledge and have access to the right tools to do so is essential.

This event is meant to highlight and discuss valuable strategies, challenges and new opportunities technologies bring to primary, secondary and post-secondary learning. **EduTech West** invites educators, ministry officials and key stakeholders to come together and share their experiences, best practices and insights to further the integration of digital solutions into our schools and curriculums. The growing demand for technology in the classroom will undoubtedly bring about unique challenges, but it also has the power to deliver a higher quality of learning for all.



Who You'll Meet

Chiefs, Deputy Ministers, Directors, Superintendents, Leaders, Heads and Managers of:

- Education and Child Care
- School Board Districts
- Inclusive Education
- Special Needs
- Education Unions
- Curriculum Development
- Digital Learning Technology
- Online and eLearning
- IT and IS
- Security and Cybersecurity
- Post-Secondary Education
- Education Policy

Benefits of Attending



Examine current trends, challenges and outcomes of tech-based learning



Discover how you can leverage new digital tools and elevate your curriculum



Learn from experts on how you can further empower your students to succeed



Your Inspiring Speakers



SOPHIA PALAHICKY

Executive Director, Online
Learning and Educational
Resources Branch
Ministry of Education
and Child Care



KARI RASMUSSEN

Executive Director,
Learning and Teaching
Resources
Government of Alberta



BEN FERREL

Executive Director, Post-
Secondary Digital Policy
and Programs Branch
Ministry of Post-
Secondary Education
and Future Skills



BALAN MOORTHY

Superintendent
Fraser-Cascade School
District



RYAN RADFORD

Computer and Digital
Media Educator
Walnut Grove Secondary
School



ROB GRIESBECK

Computer and Digital
Media Educator
Walnut Grove Secondary
School



STEPHEN WHIFFIN

Director of Instruction
and CIO
Coquitlam School
District #43



JASON DUNK

Chief Technology Officer
Saskatoon Public Schools



SANDRA AVERILL

District Teacher, K-12
ADST and Digital Literacy
Langley School District



MICHEL GAGNON

LST Helping Teacher and
Assistive Technology
Coordinator
Surrey School District



GERALD LEE

Director of Information
Technology
Collingwood School



SEAN NOSEK

Deputy Superintendent
West Vancouver Schools



ANDY BEADON

Director of Technology
and ADST Teacher
Leader
King David High School



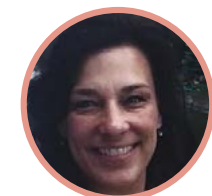
MADISON JOHNSTON

Education Consultant
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DALLAS KACHAN

VP Marketing
Edsby



KAREN WOODS

Director of Canadian
Business Development
Edsby



PETE FRY

Deputy Mayor, Councillor
City of Vancouver

“This was a great conference and an opportunity for collaboration to discuss innovative ways to transform education and continue to imagine the future for public education.”

Peel District School Board

8:00am **Registration and Networking Breakfast**

9:00am **Welcome from the Public Sector Network**

9:10am **Welcome from the Chair**
Karen Woods, *Director of Canadian Business Development*, Edsby

9:20am **Mayoral Address**
Pete Fry, *Deputy Mayor, Councillor*, City of Vancouver

9:30am Opening Keynote: **The Rise of Education Technology**



- What sort of impact, challenges and opportunities have learning technologies had on our education systems over the past few years?
- How has the inclusion of new digital tools altered the way in which government is approaching policy, curriculums and learning outcomes?
- Why is it now, more than ever, so important to invest in these tools and modernize teaching?

Sophia Palahicky, *Executive Director, Online Learning and Educational Resources Branch*, Ministry of Education and Child Care

10:00am Government Keynote: **How are Learning Technologies Enabling Digital Citizenship for Students and Teachers**



- What is Digital Citizenship and why is this important in the digital era?
- How are new education policies allowing for improved digital literacy?
- How can teachers and students determine if the digital content is appropriate, reliable, and factual?

Kari Rasmussen, *Executive Director, Learning and Teaching Resources*, Government of Alberta

10:20am **Refreshment Break**

10:50am Fireside Chat: **Fostering the Inner Geek: Building a Culture and Environment That's Fun and Safe for All**



- Building a highly successful secondary computer program
- Creating classrooms that are fun, safe, and welcoming for all
- Making PLOs, IRPs, and Big Ideas FUN!

Moderator: Balan Moorthy, *Superintendent*, Fraser-Cascade School District

Ryan Radford, *Computer and Digital Media Educator*, Walnut Grove Secondary School

Rob Griesbeck, *Computer and Digital Media Educator*, Walnut Grove Secondary School

11:20am

Gold Partner Session: The Power of Community to Build Strong Leaders and Learners

In schools where social capital is high, trust, motivation and collaboration thrive. Social capital is critical to a healthy school culture and supports the growth of learners. However, our school community has changed significantly. The desire for parental involvement is higher than ever. We want our learners to have a voice. Diversity and inclusion goals are driving the need for better transparency between school and home. But have our communication and collaboration strategies advanced to support optimal, quality dialogue and information sharing?

Karen Woods, *Director of Canadian Business Development*, Edsby

11:40am

**Spotlight Session: Examining the role of Digital Learning in Post-Secondary Education and Policy**

- How has the increased use of technology impacted post-secondary education?
- What are different strategies to maximize the benefits of digital learning?
- How is collaboration between the ministry and the post-secondary system supporting digital learning in B.C.?

Ben Ferrel, *Executive Director, Post-Secondary Digital Policy and Programs Branch*, Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills

12:00pm

Lunch and Networking Break

1:00pm

**Panel Discussion: Examining a New World of Risks with the Adoption of Integrated Education Technology**

- How are policymakers, school boards and educational institutions addressing the increased cyber risks with the rise of learning technology?
- How can governments build stronger data management policies, while working with schools to monitor, mitigate and report incidents?
- What can schools do to further educate staff, teachers and students about cybersecurity and data privacy?
- What is needed from the ministry and key stakeholders to further research and data collection on this very new shift in education and learning?

Stephen Whiffin, *Director of Instruction and CIO*, Coquitlam School District #43

Gerald Lee, *Director of Information Technology*, Collingwood School

Sean Nosek, *Deputy Superintendent*, West Vancouver Schools

Madison Johnston, *Education Consultant*, Smart Technologies

Moderated By: **Karen Woods**, *Director of Canadian Business Development*, Edsby

1:40pm

Concurrent Roundtable Discussions:

Breakout into specialized conversation areas and join engaging discussions to deep dive into innovation priorities

Roundtable 1: **Enabling assessment literacy with standards/competency based grading**

Facilitated By: **Dallas Kachan**, *VP Marketing*, Edsby

Roundtable 2: **How are interactive flat panels improving student learning outcomes and engagement?**

Facilitated By: **Madison Johnston**, *Education Consultant*, Smart Technologies

2:40pm

Spotlight Session: A Teacher's Journey in the Digital World

- How can we align our teaching to a more inclusive classroom with digital tools?
- How can we adopt assistive technology and keep it at the forefront of decision-making?

Michel Gagnon, *LST Helping Teacher and Assistive Technology Coordinator*, Surrey School District

3:00pm

**Panel Discussion: Embracing The New Age of Learning: The Student Experience**

- What has the response been from students, with the adoption of new digital learning practices?
- How can we ensure resource distribution is based on equity and not just equality?
- What resources are available to increase teachers' digital literacy when pivoting towards digital learning?
- How can the ministry and educators ensure that the use of technology is supporting various learning models, and not simply because it's available?

Jason Dunk, *Chief Technology Officer*, Saskatoon Public Schools

Sandra Averill, *District Teacher, K-12 ADST and Digital Literacy*, Langley School District

Andy Beadon, *Director Of Technology and ADST Teacher Leader*, King David High School

Moderated By: **Karen Woods**, *Director of Canadian Business Development*, Edsby

3:40pm

Closing Remarks from the Chair, followed by Networking Drinks**REGISTER NOW**

Thank You to our **Partners**



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