



PA Day
June 28, 2024

Beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, the Ministry of Education requires that each school publicly share plans for professional activities 14 days in advance of each of our designated days set aside in our school year calendar for this purpose. Our plans for June 28, 2024 are outlined below.

Topic 1 (AM): Strategies for Reaching Every Learner

Host: Central PS

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): School Administration

Description: In preparation for Topic 2 (below), school teams will review the importance of supporting every learner through Universal Design for Learning.

Topic 2 (AM): Connecting UDL, Inclusive Practice and Equitable Access

Host: RCDSB Elementary and Secondary Program Services

Presenter/Facilitator: Mirko Chardin (Mirko Chardin is Novak Education's Chief Equity and Inclusion Officer). Mirko presents both locally and nationally on issues of cultural proficiency, equity, Universal Design for Learning and the use of personal narratives. He is also the co-author with Dr. Katie Novak of the bestselling "Equity by Design: The Power and Promise of UDL".

Description: All Elementary, Secondary School Educators and Administrators will participate in virtual professional learning led by Mirko Chardin. The presentation content is as follows: "Many students face barriers that prevent them from accessing grade-level instruction and opportunities to learn with their peers. To ensure classrooms are more equitable and inclusive, districts must build educators' skillset in inclusive practices. Too often, inclusive practices are seen as competing initiatives. Districts may focus on Universal Design for Learning (UDL), social-emotional learning, trauma-informed instruction, culturally responsive pedagogy, and differentiated instruction. If educators see these are separate initiatives, they are right to feel overwhelmed. In this session, learn how to share that these practices all fall under the umbrella of inclusive practice which ensures first, best instruction for all learners."

Topic 3 (PM): Each school team will focus on school-based priorities in alignment with PPM 151, including end of year reflection and consolidation in preparation for the next school year.

Host: Central PS

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): School Administration and school staff

Description: In alignment with PPM 151, schools will develop plans that will focus on school improvement and transition planning for the 2024-2025 school year.