

To: Board of Education

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Subject: Trustee Orientation Program

Date: September 15, 2026

Purpose and Background

The purpose of this briefing is to present a draft Trustee Orientation Program for consideration by the Board of Education.

The Board's [Annual Work Plan](#) includes in September that, in an election year, the Board approve an orientation program for trustees following the Board elections.

Following the election on October 17, 2026, the Inaugural meeting of the new Board will be on November 2, 2026. When the Board approved the [2026/27 Meeting Dates](#) last May, the Board planning day was scheduled on November 12, 2026. This planning day is intended to form part of the overall Trustee Orientation Program. The first committee day for the new Board will be on November 24, 2026 and the first Board meeting will be on December 2, 2026.

The BCSTA Trustee Academy is scheduled from November 26th to 28th. The fall academy also focuses on trustee orientation and will supplement the school district's orientation program.

Trustee Orientation Program

The Trustee Orientation Program below is proposed for Board consideration:

1. Governance and Student Success – **November 12th Board Planning Day**
2. Board/Trustee Operations and Administration – **November 12th Board Planning Day**
3. Strategic Plan Engagement – **November 12th Board Planning Day**
4. Budget Context and Risk Management
5. Indigenous Student Success
 - Local Education Agreement /Indigenous Education Council
6. Education Technology
7. Parental Rights
8. Inclusive Education - Designations / Ministry Funding / Student Supports
9. Human Resources
10. Learning Centres, Career Programs and Online Learning (SIDES) programming
11. International Student Program

Topics 1 to 3 will be covered on the November 12th planning day with the intention of preparing the new Board for its first committee day and Board meeting. The remaining topics will be scheduled over the months that follow with the intention of completing the orientation program before the end of the school year. As in the past, orientation sessions will be scheduled to coincide with other regularly scheduled meetings. For example, orientation sessions may be scheduled over lunch on a committee day or before a Board meeting.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board approve the Trustee Orientation Program as presented.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jason Reid', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jason Reid
Secretary Treasurer

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