

# GOOD GOVERNANCE CERTIFICATION

## Trustee Professional Development Program



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Dear School Board Trustees,

The Ontario Education Services Corporation (OESC) offers an online [Professional Development Program](#) designed to support trustees in their governance role. The program focuses on the fundamentals of good governance – there are 21 modules, each designed to equip you with the learning and tools that are essential to your role as education leaders and school board governors.

As we transition into the summer months and boards continue to manage unprecedented challenges, we invite you to complete the program. Whether you are a veteran trustee looking to refresh your learning or a new trustee building a foundation of governance knowledge, our hope is that the program will help you fulfil your duties to the very best of your abilities.

Our new website will allow you to track your progress through the modules - each one has been recently updated with the latest legislation, education policy and research. When you've completed the program, we invite you to apply for a [Certificate of Completion](#). OESC will certify eligible trustees in recognition of their commitment to leadership and the good governance of Ontario's education system.

### [Visit the Professional Development Website](#)

A grid of 20 module cards, each with a unique color and a title and description. The cards are arranged in a 5x4 grid. At the bottom of the grid is a grey bar with the text 'Click here to begin tracking your progress'.

<b>Module 1</b> Effective Governance through Ethical Leadership	<b>Module 2</b> Effective Governance for Student Achievement and Well-Being: Boards Matter!	<b>Module 3</b> Roles and Responsibilities	<b>Module 4</b> Common Ground, Common Purpose: Key Relationships in School Boards
<b>Module 5</b> Performance Review: Director of Education	<b>Module 6</b> The Strategic Role and Multi-year Strategic Planning	<b>Module 7</b> Exercising Authentic Governance: The School Board's Role as Policymaker	<b>Module 8</b> Conflict: Managing it Creatively
<b>Module 9</b> Family and Community Engagement	<b>Module 10</b> Advocacy: Engaging the Public	<b>Module 11</b> Legal Aspects of School Board Governance	<b>Module 12</b> Running Effective Meetings
<b>Module 13</b> School Board Finance	<b>Module 14</b> School Boards and Human Resources	<b>Module 15</b> What Makes a Great Board Chair?	<b>Module 16</b> First Nation Trustees: Unique Roles & Responsibilities
<b>Module 17</b> Trustee Code of Conduct	<b>Module 18</b> Social Media	<b>Module 19</b> Internal Audit and The Role of Audit Committees	<b>Module 20</b> A Journey Towards Truth and Reconciliation

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OESC, in partnership with the four trustee associations and CODE, is committed to supporting Ontario's school boards by developing effective and engaging professional learning opportunities. To learn more about our certification program and professional learning, please contact Kendra Tedford Devine at [kdevine@oesc-cseo.org](mailto:kdevine@oesc-cseo.org).