

**Call for Presentation Proposals**  
**2026 Public Education Symposium**  
**Friday, January 23 and Saturday, January 24**  
**Sheraton Centre, Toronto**

---

The Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) is pleased to invite presentation proposals for the 2026 Public Education Symposium (PES), taking place January 23 - 24, 2026 at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel.

PES will bring together school board trustees, directors of education, supervisory officers and school board staff from across Ontario to network, learn and share knowledge. Participants will hear from keynote speakers and engage in meaningful professional development workshops that support school boards and excellence in public education.

The theme for PES 2026 is “***What Matters Most: Supporting Ontario’s Students***”

### **Suggested Presentation Topics**

OPSBA’s work is guided by a deep commitment to Truth and Reconciliation and Student Success, Equity and Well-Being. In support of these priorities, we are seeking presentations that highlight programs, initiatives, partnerships, and community-informed practices that directly improve student outcomes in the areas of:

- Special Education
- Truth and Reconciliation
- Indigenous Education

We are especially interested in proposals that:

- Share meaningful, community-driven responses to local challenges
- Highlight the importance of lived experience and community knowledge
- Demonstrate the impact of strong local relationships and partnerships
- Showcase best practices
- Provide evidence of improved student outcomes

### **Audience and Format**

OPSBA is seeking proposals for up to five in-person concurrent sessions. Sessions will be 75 minutes in length and designed for audiences of approximately 30–50 participants.

### **Presentation Styles**

We encourage diverse and innovative approaches to knowledge sharing, including:

- Oral or performance-based presentations
- Interactive workshops with audience participation
- Roundtables, panels, or sharing circles
- Land-based learning experiences

## Proposal Requirements

Applicants are asked to submit the following information:

- Presentation Title
  - Session description and learning outcomes
  - Organization name
  - Presenter(s) biography and contact information
  - Presentation format (e.g., circle, roundtable, workshop)
  - Equipment requirements (e.g., flip chart, microphones, Wi-Fi)
- Note: all rooms will be equipped with a screen, projector, and podium microphone.*

## Registration

Selected presenters will be eligible to receive complimentary registration for the entire conference. Presenters will be responsible for their own travel and hotel accommodations at the Sheraton Centre.

## Selection Criteria

Submissions will be evaluated based on:

- Relevance of presentation to topic and audience
- Level of interactivity and engagement of presentation
- Clarity and completeness of the presentation proposal
- Quality and research of information
- Key takeaways and learning outcomes for the audience

## Submissions

Submissions are due by October 24, 2025, to [kdevine@opsba.org](mailto:kdevine@opsba.org).

Please use the subject line: *2026 PES Submission*

*Please note that those with successful submissions will be notified by November 21, 2025.*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

Kendra Tedford Devine

Director of Professional Development and Events

[kdevine@opsba.org](mailto:kdevine@opsba.org)