



**2025 CASS Fall Conference  
Deerfoot Inn and Conference Centre, Calgary  
Program-at-a-Glance**



**Wednesday, November 5, 2025 (Pre-conference)**

<p><b>9:00 am – 10:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Registration and Check-in</b></p>	<p align="center"><i>Foyer</i></p>
<p><b>10:00 am – 4:00 pm (Lunch included)</b></p>	<p><b>CEP Course - Leading and Managing School Authority Operations and Resources</b>                      Facilitators: Danica Martin, Corrine Thorsteinson                      Host: Boyd Craven</p> <p>Format: Hybrid Format (10 hours) - Participants will begin with 5 hours of in-person learning at the CASS Pre-Conference, followed by two online sessions (2.5 hours each) scheduled in the weeks following the pre-conference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-person – Wednesday, November 5, 2025 (10:00 am – 4:00 pm)</li> <li>• Online – Tuesday, November 18 (8:00 am – 10:30 am)</li> <li>• Online – Tuesday, November 25 (8:00 am – 10:30 am)</li> </ul> <p align="right">SLQS: SOAR LQS: MSOR</p>	<p align="center"><i>Sundance Ballroom C</i></p>
<p><b>10:00 am – 4:00 pm (Lunch included)</b></p>	<p><b>CEP Course – Leading Learning</b>                      Facilitators: Shan Jorgenson-Adam, Dr. Rita Marler                      Host: Caroline Roberts</p> <p>Format: Hybrid Format (10 hours) - Participants will begin with 5 hours of in-person learning at the CASS Pre-Conference, followed by two online sessions (2.5 hours each) scheduled in the weeks following the pre-conference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-person – Wednesday, November 5, 2025 (10:00 am – 4:00 pm)</li> <li>• Online – Thursday, November 13 (3:30 – 6:00 pm)</li> <li>• Online – Thursday, November 20 (3:30 – 6:00 pm)</li> </ul> <p align="right">SLQS: LL</p>	<p align="center"><i>Bridlewood Room</i></p>

		LQS: LLC
<b>10:00 am – 4:00 pm (Lunch included)</b>	<p><b>CEP Course - Leading to Support Effective Governance</b>  Facilitators: Dr. Edgar Schmidt, Dr. Dwayne Zarichny  Host: Terri-Lynn Duncan</p> <p>Format: Hybrid Format (10 hours) - Participants will begin with 5 hours of in-person learning at the CASS Pre-Conference, followed by two online sessions (2.5 hours each) scheduled in the weeks following the pre-conference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-person – Wednesday, November 6, 2024 (10:00 am – 4:00 pm)</li> <li>• Online – Wednesday, November 13 (8:00 am – 10:30 am)</li> <li>• Online – Wednesday, November 20 (8:00 am – 10:30 am)</li> </ul>	<i>Midnapore Room</i>
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Note: These courses are open to CASS members and non-CASS members. Regulated members will earn 10 CEP credits upon course completion.

### Wednesday (evening), November 5, 2025

<p>Note: Regulated members who attend the entire conference are eligible to earn 10 CEP credits.  For those attending only part of the conference, calculate one hour of professional learning = 1 CEP Credit.</p>		
<b>6:00 – 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Registration and Check In</b>	<i>Foyer</i>
<b>7:00 – 7:15 pm</b>	<p><b>Conference Opening</b>  Elder Blessing (Noreen McAteer) &amp; Land Acknowledgement; O Canada  Welcome Remarks  Platinum &amp; Gold Sponsor Videos</p>	<i>Sundance Ballroom</i>
<b>7:15 – 8:45 pm</b>	<p><b>Interactive Keynote - Leading in the Age of Generative AI: Promise and Pitfalls</b>  Presenter: Dr. Alec Couros  Hosts: Mike McMann/Dr. Reagan Weeks</p>	<i>Sundance Ballroom</i>
		SLQS: VL LQS: EVL
<b>8:45 – 9:00 pm</b>	<b>Professional Networking &amp; Transition Break</b>	
<b>9:00 pm</b>	<b>President's Reception</b>	<i>Chrome Room</i>

**Thursday, November 6, 2025**

<b>7:30 am – 8:15 am</b>	<b>Breakfast / Registration</b>					<i>Foyer</i>
<b>8:15 am – 8:30 am</b>	<b>Land Acknowledgement, Opening Remarks, Platinum &amp; Gold Sponsor Videos</b>					<i>Sundance Ballroom</i>
<b>8:30 am – 8:45 am</b>	<b>Professional Networking and Transition Break</b>					
<b>8:45 am – 10:15 am</b>	<b>Communities of Practice (For Regulated and Eligible Members)</b>					
<i>Sundance Ballroom A</i>	<i>Midnapore Room</i>	<i>Bridlewood Room C</i>	<i>Bridlewood Room AB</i>	<i>Sundance Ballroom B</i>	<i>Sundance Ballroom C</i>	
<b>Curriculum, Assessment &amp; Technology</b>  Facilitated by: Erin Tisdale <i>Host: Sean Lougheed</i>  SLQS: BER, MCPL, VL, LL LQS: FER, MCPL, EVL, LLC	<b>Deputy Superintendents</b>  Facilitated by: Greg Wedman <i>Host: Jody Seymour</i>  SLQS: BER, MCPL, VL, LL, GOV	<b>First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education</b>  Facilitated by: Debbie Mineault <i>Host: Shelagh Hagemann</i>  SLQS: BER, MCPL, VL, LL, EFNMI LQS: FER, MCPL, EVL, LLC, SFNMI	<b>Human Resources / People Services</b>  Facilitated by: Mark Siemens <i>Host: Carmen Ostafichuk</i>  SLQS: BER, MCPL, VL, LL LQS: FER, MCPL, EVL, LLC	<b>Inclusive Education</b>  Facilitated by: Irene Donaldson <i>Host: Lisa Lindsay</i>  SLQS: BER, MCPL, VL, LL LQS: FER, MCPL, EVL, LLC	<b>Superintendents</b>  Facilitated by: TBD <i>Host: Mike McMann</i>  SLQS: BER, MCPL, VL, LL, GOV	
<b>10:15 am – 10:45 am</b>	<b>Professional Networking &amp; Transition Break</b>					
<b>10:45 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Alberta Stories of Practice / Breakout Sessions</b>					
<i>Bridlewood Room C</i>	<i>Midnapore Room</i>	<i>Sundance Ballroom B</i>	<i>Bridlewood Room AB</i>	<i>Sundance Ballroom C</i>	<i>Sundance Ballroom A</i>	
<b>CASS as Regulator: Upholding Standards in System Education Leadership</b>  Presenter: David Keohane <i>Host: Joanne Pitman</i>  SLQS: MCPL, LL, GOV LQS: MCPL, LLC, URSC	<b>Collaborating for Impact: Lessons from CASA Mental Health and Sturgeon Public Schools</b>  Presenters: Lori Roe, Shawna Warren, Shelley Greenwood <i>Host: Danica Martin</i>  SLQS: BER, SOAR LQS: FER, MSOR	<b>Designing Futures: Collegiate Schools Showcase Part 1 of 2</b>  Presenters: Jennifer Robson, Tammy Tkachuk <i>Host: Colleen Symyrozum-Watt</i>  SLQS: BER, VL LQS: FER, EVL	<b>Eyes on Books - A Leadership Book Tasting Experience</b>  Presenters: Sharon Cronin, Lori Meyer <i>Host: Collette Sylvestre</i>  SLQS: MCPL, LL LQS: MCPL, LLC	<b>Hiring: Getting it Right Before it Goes Wrong</b>  Presenter: Colin Fetter <i>Host: Chris Fuzessy</i>  SLQS: BER, SOAR LQS: FER, MSOR	<b>Leading in the Age of Generative AI: A Deeper Dive</b>  Presenter: Dr. Alec Couros <i>Host: Brent Thomas</i>  SLQS: MCPL, VL LQS: MCPL, EVL	

		<i>Non-CASS members can attend this session by paying a registration fee. This allows individuals outside of CASS to participate and benefit from the content provided.</i>			
<b>12:00 pm – 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch – Visit our sponsors!</b>				
<b>1:00 pm – 3:00 pm</b>	<b>Breakout Sessions (2-hour sessions)</b>				
<i>Sundance Ballroom B</i>	<i>Bridlewood Room AB</i>	<i>Sundance Ballroom A</i>	<i>Bridlewood Room C</i>	<i>Midnapore Room</i>	<i>Sundance Ballroom C</i>
<b>Designing Futures: Collegiate Schools Showcase Part 2 of 2</b>  Presenters: Jennifer Robson, Tammy Tkachuk Host: Colleen Symyrozum-Watt  SLQS: BER, VL LQS: FER, LLC	<b>Embrace Complexity: It's Where the Future Lives</b>  Presenters: Lisa Lindsay, Corey Steeves Host: Wilma Jamieson  SLQS: BER, MCPL, VL LQS: MCPL, EVL, DLC	<b>Generative AI 101 for System Education Leaders</b>  Presenter: Dr. Alec Couros Host: Brent Thomas  SLQS: MCPL, VL LQS: MCPL, EVL	<b>Leading The Way: Visionary Leadership for System Wide Impact with GPPSD</b>  Presenters: Sandy McDonald, Corinne Kruse, Paul Therrien, Nancy Gorgichuk, Kimberly Frykas Host: Peter Barron  SLQS: VL, LL LQS: EVL, PIL, DLC	<b>Managing Aggressive Student Behaviours: A System Education Leader's Learning Lab</b>  Presenters: Irene Donaldson, Danica Martin Host: Lorrie Makepeace  SLQS: MCPL, VL, SOAR LQS: MCPL, EVL, PIL, MSOR	<b>The Cure for What Ails You: Walking the Fine Line of Workplace Mental Health Issues and the Duty to Accommodate</b>  Presenter: Colin Fetter Host: Mike Garrow  SLQS: BER, SOAR LQS: FER, MSOR
<b>3:00 pm – 3:15 pm</b>	<b>Professional Networking &amp; Transition Break / Sponsor Prize Draws Prior to AGM Start</b>				
<b>3:15 pm – 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting (For Regulated Members)</b>				<i>Sundance Ballroom</i>
<b>5:00 pm – 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Mentorship Networking</b>				<i>Midnapore Room</i>

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<b>AI in Action: Supporting All Learners in Foothills School Division</b>  Presenters: Caroline Roberts, Chase Ellis, Dinah Van Donzel, Charity Tegler, Cora-Leah Schmitt, Doug Stevens, Sally Smith <i>Host: Justin Kool</i>  SLQS: VL, LL LQS: EVL, LLC	<b>Introducing an Employee Absence Management Program</b>  Presenter: Laurie Copeland, Heather Goodman Host: Allen Davidson  SLQS: BER, SOAR LQS: FER, MSOR	<b>Leading Learning: Building Instructional Capacity and Measuring What Matters</b>  Presenters: Doug Duff, Nicole Lafreniere <i>Host: Diana White</i>  SLQS: VL, LL LQS: LLC, PIL	<b>New Superintendent; New Board: Learning to Lead Together</b>  Presenter: Shauna Boyce <i>Host: Sandy McDonald</i>  SLQS: BER, GOV LQS: DLC, URSC	<b>Walking Alongside You(th) Indigenous Youth: Language and Culture in Education</b>  Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Markides, Darren Young <i>Host: Dr. Dianne Roulson</i>  SLQS: BER, EFNMI LQS: FER, SFNMI	<b>Privacy Impact Assessments: Why They Matter and How to Begin</b>  Presenter: Jesse Sadlowski <i>Host: Ron Eberts</i>  SLQS: SOAR, GOV LQS: LLC, MSOR
<b>9:15 am – 9:30 am</b>	<b>Professional Networking &amp; Transition Break</b>				
<b>9:30 am – 10:15 am</b>	<b>Remarks from Minister of Alberta Education and Childcare, Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides Followed by Q&amp;A</b>				
<b>10:15 am – 10:45 am</b>	<b>CEO Remarks, Platinum &amp; Gold Sponsor Videos, Elder Reflection</b>				
<b>10:45 am – 11:00 am</b>	<b>Professional Networking &amp; Transition Break</b>				
<b>11:00 am – 12:15 pm</b>	<b>Alberta Stories of Practice / Breakout Sessions</b>				
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<b>Collaborative Response in the Calgary Board of Education (CBE)</b>  Presenters: Lori Pritchard, Kurtis Hewson <i>Host: Corrina Hampson</i>  SLQS: MCPL, LL, FNMI LQS: MCPL, LLC, FNMI	<b>Collective Teacher Efficacy: Leading System-Wide Transformation to Address Staff Well-Being and Classroom Complexity</b>  Presenter: Dr. Adriana Klassen <i>Host: Tim De Ruyck</i>	<b>Educating Deaf/Hard of Hearing Students in Neighbourhood Schools in Alberta</b>  Presenters: Dr. Colleen McClure, Nicole Short <i>Host: Leah Odynski</i>  SLQS: MCPL, LL LQS: MCPL, PIL	<b>Developing a Long-term Recruitment Strategy for Teachers</b>  Presenters: Mike McMann, Christine Kennerd, Crystal Jones, Stephanie Malkin <i>Host: Dr. Edgar Schmidt</i>  SLQS: BER, VL LQS: FER, EVL	<b>From Vision to Action: Custom Tooling for Generative AI in Alberta Schools</b>  Presenters: Chris Gilmour, Shannon Bennett, Jo-Anne Lanctot, Dr. Mohammad Keyhani, Dr. Soroush Sabbaghan	<b>The Power of Process: Advancing Writing Instruction System-Wide Through Collaborative Rubric Development</b>  Presenters: Dinah VanDonzel, Miriam Ramzy, Michelle Bence <i>Host: Raime Drake</i>

## Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard

- ✓ Building Effective Relationships
- ✓ Modeling Commitment to Professional Learning
- ✓ Visionary Leadership
- ✓ Leading Learning
- ✓ Ensuring First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education for All Students
- ✓ School Authority Operations and Resources
- ✓ Supporting Effective Governance

## Leadership Quality Standard

- ✓ Fostering Effective Relationships
- ✓ Modeling Commitment to Professional Learning
- ✓ Embodying Visionary Leadership
- ✓ Leading a Learning Community
- ✓ Supporting the Application of Foundational Knowledge about First Nations, Métis and Inuit
- ✓ Providing Instructional Leadership
- ✓ Developing Leadership Capacity
- ✓ Managing School Operations and Resources
- ✓ Understanding and Responding to the Larger Societal Context

<b>BER – Building Effective Relationships</b>			<b>FER - Fostering Effective Relationships</b>		
<b>MCPL – Modelling Commitment to Professional Learning</b>			<b>MCPL - Modeling Commitment to Professional Learning</b>		
<b>VL – Visionary Leadership</b>			<b>EVL - Embodying Visionary Leadership</b>		
<b>LL – Leading Learning</b>			<b>LLC - Leading a Learning Community</b>		
<b>EFNMI – Ensuring First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education for All Students</b>			<b>SFNMI - Supporting the Application of Foundational Knowledge about First Nations, Métis and Inuit</b>		
			<b>PIL - Providing Instructional Leadership</b>		
<b>SOAR – School Authority Operations and Resources</b>			<b>DLC - Developing Leadership Capacity</b>		
			<b>MSOR - Managing School Operations and Resources</b>		
<b>GOV – Supporting Effective Governance</b>			<b>URSC - Understanding and Responding to the Larger Societal Context</b>		
				<i>Host: John Waterhouse</i>	SLQS: MCPL, LL LQS: LLC, PIL
<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Lunch to Go</b> 12:45 p.m. – Onwards (optional) time for school authority teams to meet				<i>Sundance Ballroom</i>

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