

# Ontario CEC's 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Special Education Conference



*“Well-being, Equity, and Success for All”*

*December 2 - 3, 2022*

*Toronto, Ontario*

On behalf of the Ontario CEC Board of Directors, I am pleased to extend an invitation for you to join us in celebrating Ontario CEC's 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Provincial Special Education Conference, which will be held December 2 – 3, 2022 at the Marriott Downtown CF Toronto Eaton Centre!

The theme of the 2022 conference is **Well-being, Equity and Success for All**; presentations will focus on evidence-based practices, instructional strategies, and technology to equitably support the well-being, learning and achievement of all students with special education needs. The conference program features more than 70 lecture and poster presentations in numerous topical areas, including: accessibility; diversity, equity, and inclusion; paraprofessionals; mental health and well-being for students and educators; at-risk children & youth; autism; assistive and adaptive technology; transitions; managing challenging behaviour; learning disabilities; developmental disabilities; indigenous education; post-secondary initiatives; and low incidence exceptionalities.

Conference highlights include:

- ◆ Opening Keynote Presentation
- ◆ Exhibitor & Publisher Display
- ◆ Hot Topics & Featured Sessions
- ◆ Silent Auction
- ◆ Awards Presentations
- ◆ Celebratory Luncheon
- ◆ Poster Presentations
- ◆ Technology Strand

**Value added alert!** Conference registration includes the opening keynote address, breakout sessions, poster presentations, silent auction, the Exhibitor/Publisher Display, and breakfast and lunch both days. Special conference rates apply for CEC members and full-time University & College students.

Please join Ontario CEC for this unique self-directed professional learning opportunity!

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# Conference Overview

## *Thursday, December 1, 2022*

- ◆ Ontario CEC Board of Directors' Meeting
- ◆ Ontario CEC Annual General Meeting

## *Friday, December 2, 2022*

- ◆ 7:30 a.m. Registration & Breakfast
- ◆ 8:30 a.m. **Opening Session & Keynote Address: At the Heart of the Matter: Supporting Educators' Well-being and Resiliency Post Pandemic**, Dr. Sue Ball, Lead Psychologist, York Region DSB
- ◆ 9:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Concurrent Breakout Sessions
- ◆ 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Exhibitor/ Publishers' Display
- ◆ 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Networking Luncheon
- ◆ 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Silent Auction, Organized by Ontario CEC Chapter 56 (Toronto)

## *Saturday, December 3, 2022*

- ◆ 7:30 a.m. Poster Presentations & Breakfast
- ◆ 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Concurrent Breakout Sessions
- ◆ 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Adult and Yes I Can Student Award Presentations**
- ◆ 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Exhibitor/Publisher Display
- ◆ 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Community/Agency Display
- ◆ 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. **Celebratory Luncheon**

# Hot Topics & Featured Sessions

*Note: this is a sampling of the 70+ sessions on the program*

- ◆ Socially Shared Learning Regulation: The Key to Student Self-Regulation, Executive Function, and Relationships, **Dr. Laurie Faith, OISE/UT**
- ◆ Does your Classroom Cultivate Student Resilience? **Mary-Lou Maclean, NILD Canada**
- ◆ Autism Spectrum Disorder in the Classroom: Evidence-based Practice and Building System Capacity, **Dr. Carolyn Lennox, Toronto DSB**
- ◆ The Right to Read and the Need for and how to Screen Students at Risk for Reading Failure, **Dr. Todd Cunningham, OISE/UT**
- ◆ Using Culturally Relevant Teaching to Engage and Inspire Diverse Learners, **Susie Lee-Fernandes, Durham Catholic District School Board**
- ◆ Addressing and Combatting Compassion Fatigue, **Katie Doering, Ronald McDonald House Charities Toronto**
- ◆ Using Assistive Technology to Empower Students and Build Independence, **Judy Sackville and Jennifer Kostanowicz, Halton District School Board**
- ◆ The Intersectionality of Special Education, Technology, and Environmental Education in the Ontario Curriculum, **Novella Ricotti, LEARNstyle**
- ◆ Indigenizing the Classroom, **Amanda Patterson and Kathy Wesley, Kwayaciiwin Education Resource Centre**
- ◆ Project-Based Learning: Teaching Gifted Students in an Inclusive Classroom, **Kathryn Sinopoli, District School Board of Niagara**
- ◆ Accessibility Education Standards for K to 12 and Transitions/Post-secondary Standards, **Lynn Ziraldo**
- ◆ Creating Trauma-Informed Classrooms to Support the Mental Health of Students, **Dr. Rita Alekian, Dr. Stephanie Tang, Caryl-Anne Stordy, and Dr. Nancy Weiler, Toronto District School Board**
- ◆ Preparing Young Learners with Complex Needs for Participation in a Fully Inclusive Education Setting, **Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic DSB**
- ◆ The Importance of the School Principal in Special Education, **Don Nahachewsky and Jenn Elwell, Kwayaciiwin Education Resource Centre**

Please visit the conference website to access the full listing of breakout sessions: <https://cvent.me/vor0wR>

# Conference Registration

Please note that online conference registration may be accessed through this link,  
<https://cvent.me/Z92lKL>

Conference Registration December 2 – 3, 2022	Attendee & Presenter Non-CEC Member Rate	Attendee & Presenter – CEC Member Rate	Full-time Student & Retired CEC Educator Rate
Conference registration includes the opening general session, all breakout presentations, access to exhibitors, and breakfast and lunch both days	\$375.00	\$325.00	\$275.00

Interested in exhibiting at the conference? Corporate sponsorship opportunities?  
Please contact Cindy Perras at [cindy.perras@gmail.com](mailto:cindy.perras@gmail.com)

## Conference Hotel/Room Bookings

### Marriott Downtown at CF Toronto Eaton Centre

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Ideally located in the heart of downtown Toronto, the Marriott Downtown at CF Toronto Eaton Centre provides easy access to the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Royal Ontario Museum, shopping, dining, the CN Tower, sporting venues (the Scotiabank Arena and Rogers Centre), and the Entertainment District. Getting there is easy – whether travelling by car, subway, streetcar, or train, as the hotel is just a few blocks from Union Station. For those travelling by air, the Union Pearson Express connects Toronto Pearson International Airport with Union Station, and the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport is 10 minutes from the hotel.

A block of guest rooms is available at our conference hotel, the Marriott Downtown at CF Toronto Eaton Centre, for November 29 – December 4, 2022. Guest room rates, which include complimentary WiFi, are \$205.00 (single/double occupancy), \$225.00 (triple occupancy) and \$245.00 (quadruple occupancy) per night. Amenities include a roof top pool and hot tub, fitness centre, lobby bar and restaurant serving contemporary Canadian cuisine. **Reservations must be booked by November 16, 2022**, either by calling 416.597.9200, and referencing the booking code, “Ontario CEC”, or through this hyperlink (also located on the conference website): <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1662490570714&key=GRP&app=resvlink>