



Canadian Association of School System Administrators
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Request for Proposals to Present at CASSA Annual Conference

PD PROs on behalf of CASSA (our new name is the Canadian Association of School System Administrators) is issuing this Request for Proposals to parties who may have an interest in presenting a breakout session at the CASSA Annual Conference.

The Canadian Association of School System Administrators (CASSA) has endeavored to become the "voice of education" by having a presence in every part of Canada and by leading the way in setting the national education agenda with government. This conference continues our format of hosting members and their families over the last several years in such inviting places as Whitehorse YK, Halifax NS, Quebec City, Niagara Falls ON, Whistler BC, last year's great location in St. John's NL and now this year in Calgary AB- home of the Calgary Stampede and Gateway to the Rocky Mountains.

The theme of our Calgary 2014 conference this summer is **"Student Engagement- Making a Difference."** It is intended to build on the tremendous success of last years' conference. CASSA has established a set of national priorities for education and encouraging and supporting Student Engagement is a key one. We are very pleased to be partnering with Alberta's Minister of Education Jeff Johnson in our focus on this important topic. **This conference is designed for senior education leaders, school administrators, classroom teachers, Ministry of Education staff and school trustees.**

We know that there are many exciting, creative and innovative student engagement activities taking place in classrooms, schools and school systems across the nation in regards to this exciting topic. Please consider sharing your experiences and results with your colleagues from across Canada. **CASSA believes that the best professional development comes from hearing about the successes of our colleagues, so our breakout sessions feature delegates to the conference who have experienced successes and are willing to share with others across Canada.** Presenters are also expected to register and pay as delegates to the conference and as such are donating their time and expertise and do not expect reimbursement for their presentation.

The Canadian Association of School Administrators is now requesting expressions of interest from Canada's leading and innovative education practitioners who would be interested in presenting one of a series of exciting breakout sessions at the 2014 CASSA Annual Summer

Conference. This exciting opportunity will take place in the Coast Plaza Hotel and Conference Centre in Calgary AB. July 3rd - 5th, 2013 with exciting preconference activities scheduled for July 2nd and 3rd and post conference on July 6th.

If you are interested in being considered for this agenda, please submit a title of your proposed presentation, a brief 2-3 sentence bio of each of the presenter/s and a short 1-2 paragraph descriptor of the session. Breakout sessions for this conference will be 70 minutes in length.

Please submit your expressions of interest to:

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The deadline for submissions is February 21st, 2014. Proposals will be reviewed in relation to the theme and presenters will be advised by March 1st, 2014 if they have been accepted.

There will be several interesting pre and post conference activity opportunities for delegates and families including opportunities for tours to the Columbia Ice Fields, Banff and Lake Louise, the historic Drumheller Badlands and Royal Tyrell Museum, National Heritage Site Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump and the world famous Calgary Stampede. Spouses and children can take advantage of the opportunity to attend the Calgary Stampede Parade. The Coast Plaza Hotel and Conference Centre is just a few blocks away from one of Calgary's C Train stations and just a short cab ride to 2 shopping centres (both are actually within easy walking distance.) Conference registration information and materials will be going out in early February.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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