

James Bay Lowlands Secondary School Board

(Northern Lights Secondary School)

Professional Development Day Overview

Date:	Wednesday, August 20, 2025
Length:	Full Day Session
Topics:	Keeping Schools Safe, School Resource Officer Program, Student Engagement and Well-being, and Mental Health - Educator Mental Health & Resilience
Entity Hosting:	James Bay Lowlands Secondary School Board
Presenter(s) / Facilitator(s):	School Administration, Mental Health Lead, and Department Leads
Description	<p>Keeping Schools Safe & School Resource Officer Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisit requirements of safe schools – student / staff safety and violent incident prevention, supporting positive school climate, bullying prevention/intervention, progressive discipline, violent incident reporting, lockdown drills • Revisit impacts of cell-phones and vaping on student learning, requirements of effective classroom management strategies to remove distractions and improve student achievement • Revisit Digital Privacy Charter for Ontario Schools - Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario (technology use, and student safety) • Revisit Provincial & School Code of Conduct / Multi-year Strategic Plan <p><i>Resources</i> - Your Child's Education: A Parent Guide to Our School System, PPM 128: The Provincial Code of Conduct and School Board Codes of Conduct, PPM 166: Keeping Student Safe: Policy Framework for School Board Anti-Sex Trafficking Protocols, Local Police/Board School Board Protocol, Anti-Sex Trafficking Protocol, Erin's Law, PPM 169: Student Mental Health in Ontario – Ontario Ministry of Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional learning and expectations on supporting students with prevalent medical conditions (anaphylaxis, asthma, diabetes, and/or epilepsy), PPM 161: Supporting children and students with prevalent medical conditions <p>Mental Health - Educator Mental Health & Resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building educator capacity in supporting student mental health and wellbeing in our everyday practices • Provide opportunities for staff to enhance well-being, reflect on practice, and engage with others on best practices • Overview of Suicide Prevention and Life Promotion Protocol, focus on capacity building for our education staff to Prepare, Prevent and Respond to suicide • Utilizing School Mental Health Ontario Resources (SMHO) to engage the whole school staff in professional activities that promote educator self-care to support effective practice in the classrooms