



# DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

## EMPOWERING MINDS: CONNECT, ENGAGE, LEARN

### SD33 Survey Feedback

*"The keynote speaker was interesting and engaging"*

*"My favourite part of the pro d event was learning new, engaging literacy strategies and connecting with colleagues."*

*"Enjoyed the Keynote very much, anyone who worked in the district would have found it engaging."*

**Syó:ys lets'e th'ále, lets'emó:t**

**~One heart, one mind, working together for a common purpose.~**



The 2024 District Professional Development Day had over **960 staff attend**.

This year we are thrilled to share our keynote was the renowned Dr. Jean Clinton. Dr. Jean Clinton is a Clinical Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences at McMaster University, division of Child Psychiatry, Ontario Canada. Dr. Clinton was appointed as an education advisor to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Education 2014 - 2018. After the keynote address, Dr. Clinton provided 2 breakout sessions: **Adolescent Brain Under Construction and Learning, Connection** and **Brain Science in the Elementary Years**. Valuing our parents as *'partners in learning'*, we also had Dr. Clinton present to SD33 parents and caregivers on Thursday evening. This session, **Rising to Resilience: The Power of Connection**, highlighted the importance of trusting relationships, consistent boundaries and how the brain works at different ages. All of these sessions offered practical strategies and were grounded in current brain research.

Over 50 breakout sessions offered our staff a wide range of professional development opportunities that reflect the four goal areas of our strategic plan.

*"Hope is perhaps the greatest internal characteristic of resilience."*

*~ Dr. Jean Clinton*



**Keynote Speaker**  
**Dr. Jean Clinton**

- ✓ Literacy
- ✓ Numeracy
- ✓ Human & Social Development
- ✓ Transitions