

Afterschool Learning Series

February 2026

All sessions run from 3:45 - 4:45 p.m. on Microsoft Teams.
Meeting links can be accessed on the [WQSB PD Calendar](#)

Date	Topic and Facilitator	Audience	Description
Feb.5	<p>Building Strong Classroom Partnerships*</p> <p>Sarah Lavoie, Special Education Consultant, WQSB</p> <p>Janet Sauvé, Readaptation Officer/Early Intervention ASD, WQSB</p> <p>*This is a repeat of the session held in October</p>	Elementary & Secondary	In this session, we will explore strategies for fostering strong, collaborative relationships between teachers and support staff. Participants will discuss the importance of clear communication, mutual respect, and shared goals in creating a cohesive classroom environment. Through practical examples, we will highlight how effective partnerships can positively impact student learning and well-being.
Feb. 12	<p>Autism Spectrum Disorder: Learning Styles and Strategies for Success</p> <p>Michele Love, Readaptation Officer/ Early Intervention ASD, WQSB</p> <p>Jennifer McNeil, Readaptation Officer/Early Intervention ASD, WQSB</p>	Elementary & Secondary	<p>This session supports teachers and support staff in deepening their understanding of the unique learning styles of autistic students and how these styles influence engagement, participation, and academic work in the classroom. Participants will explore key factors such as Executive Function challenges, sensory needs, communication and social challenges.</p> <p>The session provides practical, strengths-based strategies and tools—including visual supports, predictable routines, structured environments in a low arousal approach. Educators will feel better equipped to provide strengths-based supports for their students which promote cooperation over compliance.</p>
Feb. 19	<p>ELA- Reading Response Remix: Short Stories for Big Impact</p> <p>Sarah Kobia, Resource Teacher, Namur Intermediate School, WQSB</p> <p>Larissa Sansom, Literacy Consultant, WQSB</p>	Elementary Cycle 3.2 and Secondary	This engaging session bridges the use of authentic short stories for reading response between elementary and secondary grades. Explore classroom-tested lessons designed by WQSB teachers and hear from colleagues who have successfully implemented them. You'll leave with a curated menu of rich text options and practical lessons to use with your students right away.
Feb. 19	<p>Math-Situational Problems: Tips and Strategies for Success</p> <p>Jeff Harvey, Mathematics and Science Consultant, WQSB</p>	Elementary and Secondary	In this session, we will explore the <i>Solves a Situational Problem</i> competency and what it truly involves for students across grade levels. Drawing on classroom practice and WQSB expertise, we will examine how to prepare students leading up to situational problems and how to intentionally develop the reasoning, interpretation, and decision-making skills they require. You will leave with practical strategies, a clearer understanding of the competency itself, and concrete ways to build both confidence and perseverance in students. Whether you teach elementary or secondary mathematics, you will find ideas you can apply directly in your classroom.