

All sessions run from 3:45 - 4:45 p.m. on Microsoft Teams.
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Date	Topic and Facilitator	Audience	Description
Oct. 2	Strong Classroom Partnerships: Working with Aides and Attendants Sarah Lavoie Special Education Consultant, WQSB Janet Sauvé, Readaptation Officer, WQSB	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.
Oct. 2	Artificial Intelligence: What Teachers Need to Know Lisa Diner Technology Consultant, WQSB Stuart Gray Technology Consultant, WQSB	Elementary & Secondary	Join us for a dynamic session designed to demystify Artificial Intelligence and show how it can transform your teaching practice. We'll cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI Essentials: A quick primer to understand the fundamentals. • Your WQSB Toolkit: Explore AI tools available through your WQSB accounts. • Practical Applications: Discover how AI can streamline course prep, enhance lesson planning, support differentiation, and more. Walk away with actionable strategies and resources to confidently integrate AI into your classroom.
Oct. 9	AI in the Secondary Math and Science Classroom Jeff Harvey Mathematics and Science Consultant, WQSB	Secondary	Can AI become a collaborative partner, helping us save time without losing the quality of instruction we value? In this session, we'll explore this question with a focus on Secondary Math/Science. We'll highlight practical applications—from generating curriculum-aligned problems to designing lessons, finding resources, and supporting student learning—while considering the opportunities and limitations of AI tools. You will leave with hands-on examples, classroom-ready strategies, and the chance to hear how colleagues are already using AI in their classrooms.
Oct. 9	Response to Intervention: Unpacking the Role of Nurturing Support Centers and the Developmental Attachment Approach Bill Rosseel, Principal, Chelsea Elementary School, WQSB	Elementary	During this session we will discuss the foundations of the NSC model and developmental attachment as a paradigm for student intervention strategies. We will examine an example of a Pyramid of Interventions model, develop an understanding of the multi-tiered approach of RTI, and reflect on teaching and disciplinary practices in WQSB schools.
Oct. 16	Supporting LGBTQIA+ Students Danielle Jepson Teacher, D'Arcy McGee High School WQSB	Elementary & Secondary	A focus on fostering gender and sexuality diversity and inclusion in classrooms and school communities. Through exploring a range of identities and student and staff perspectives, participants will gain practical strategies and knowledge to create safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environments.
Oct. 23	Black Student Associations: Inspiration and Getting Started Kassandra Johnson-Desnoyers and Yeti Mallavi, Teachers Hadley Junior/ Philemon Wright High School	Elementary & Secondary	Join us for this session on how to create, facilitate and support Black student associations/alliances in your school. This session will provide you with helpful and meaningful ways to make Black students feel appreciated, seen and heard. We will focus on lunchtime activities and ways that BSAs can be run for both elementary and secondary students. We will highlight some of the things we have done in the past three years and outline some of our current projects for inspiration. We'll also provide helpful tips for Black History Month and ways you can include Black history all year long!
Oct 30	Preparing for Parent/Guardian- Teacher Conferences Amy Curry, Coordinator of Educational Services, WQSB	Elementary & Secondary	Make every minute count when connecting with parents and guardians! This empowering session is filled with actionable tips that will help you to lead purposeful, student-centred conversations. Prepare yourself for interview season with effective strategies for navigating challenging conversations with confidence, care and kindness.