

Professional Activity Day

Date: September 2, 2026

School Participating: Burkevale Protestant Separate School

Length: 1 day

Delivery Method: Interactive lecture, with group discussions and breakout sessions

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Presenters: School Administrators, Joint Health & Safety Committee Chair, Mental Health Lead, AI Lead Team

Focus Activities:

AM: Keeping Schools Safe

- Review of policy requirements and supports for safe schools regarding the Provincial Code of Conduct, violence prevention, bullying prevention and intervention, duty to report children in need of protection to a children's aid society, progressive discipline, violent incident reporting, gender-based violence, sex trafficking, and the Provincial Model for a Local Police/School Board Protocol
- Information about child sexual abuse prevention and reporting, including available counselling and resources for children who are sexually abused, for all teachers and other staff in schools as outlined in section 170.0.1 of the Education Act.
- Review the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program and provide a summary of the program's being offered for the upcoming year
- Teachers will be provided with information about the role of police in providing high-quality, age-appropriate educational public safety presentations to students on subjects such as cyber-crime, human trafficking, road safety and other areas of local importance. Information will also be provided about the role of police in the school community, to support trust building between educators, policing services, students, and parents/guardians.
- A review of policy requirements with the police through the Provincial Model for a Local Police/School Board Protocol.

PM: Cyber Safety and Digital Literacy

- Reinforce the idea that educators must consider digital literacy while creating and managing the learning environment for all subjects and disciplines from Grades 1 to 12.

- Share learning activities to become familiar with the LUMI AI tool in the Virtual Learning Environment and the board's approved AI tools, as well as how to effectively and safely use those tools with students
- Highlight to staff the upcoming cyber safety resources for professional development that will be available to them in late September/early October
- Specifically share the learning resources VOR arrangement established by Supply Ontario, the webinars, workshops, and downloadable guides that will be available on the VOR to support educator training and implementation
- Encourage them to investigate the K-12-focused cyber awareness resources that will be available through: The K-12 Cyber Awareness Month (CAM) campaign website, with resources for the annual campaign in October and year-round resources. (Resources for the 2026 K- 12 CAM campaign will be available on the website in late-September 2026 and the Cyber Security Ontario's K-12 Zone, with resources designed for students, parents, guardians, and educators that will be available on the website on October 1, 2026)
- Review with educators' cyber awareness training provided in the spring and their responsible use of digital technology and AI
- Review cyber security best practices to recognize and prevent cyber threats, such as phishing, malware, and unauthorized access, especially in the context of school networks, devices, applications, and AI tools