



## **PA DAY**

**Date:** October 6, 2023

**Length:** Full Day

### **Topic 1:**

**Host:** Champlain Discovery Public School

**Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s):** School Administrators

**Description:** In this session, educators will explore the vision and goals of *The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 1-8: Language, 2023*. The first part of the day will be spent unpacking the key changes to the curriculum and instructional approaches in the Language programs. Educators will be supported in developing their capacity to use practical and effective strategies to support all students through an intentional focus on structured literacy and evidence-based explicit instruction in both the English and French as a Second Language classrooms. This session will also include a focus on how CRRP and UDL approaches support the creation of a literacy block in which all students feel a sense of belonging. Educators will then move into divisional groups to further explore and discuss the key changes to Strand B of the new Language curriculum, along with the two new Language Foundations continua. RCDSB resources and contact people will be highlighted throughout.

### **Topic 2:** Cybersecurity 101: Why Choosing a Secure Password Is So Important

**Host:** Virtual Module

**Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s):** Module prepared by RCDSB ICT Department

**Description:** Strong passwords are of the utmost importance. They protect your electronic accounts and devices from unauthorized access, keeping your sensitive personal information safe. The more complex the password, the more protected your information will be from cyber threats and hackers. Following this training, all RCDSB staff will be forced to change their password in order to meet new National Institute of Standards Technology (NIST) guidelines.

### **Topic 3:** Universal Design for Learning (UDL)

**Host:** Champlain Discovery Public School

**Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s):** RCDSB Elementary Numeracy Coach (Colette Mantifel)

#### **Description**

Session presented by RCDSB Elementary Numeracy Coach. In this session educators will explore the key principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL). They will distinguish between UDL and Differentiated Instruction and how to plan lessons for all learners using a UDL framework. Time will be provided for educators to discuss, reflect and work in their divisions on UDL in relation to their teaching practice.