



Lakehead District School Board Leadership | 2025-2026

Committed to the success of every student

Trustees
2025-2026

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Leah Vanderwey

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Eryn Genno



Sherrilynne Pharand
Director of Education

Christine Jones - Executive Assistant
Kelly Stewart Doromko - Executive Secretary

- Chief Academic Officer**
- Chief Executive Officer**
- Secretary to the Board**
- Board**
 - Procedural By-Law
 - Policies and Procedures
 - Board and Committee Meetings
- Communications**
- Human Rights and Equity**
- Partnerships**
- Activities Director**

- Executive Council**
- Parent Involvement Committee**
- Lakehead Public Schools Foundation**

Kirsti Alaksa
Superintendent of Business

Simona Serrao - Executive Secretary

- Business Services**
 - Finance
 - Accounting
 - Payroll
 - Purchasing
 - Budget
- Corporate Planning and Partnerships**
- Building Services**
 - Capital Projects
 - Custodial/ Maintenance
 - Energy Management
 - Community Use
- Information Technology**
- Transportation**
- Office Services**
- Health & Safety**

- Audit Committee**
- Budget Committee**
- STSTB**

- CUPE Contract Management**
- COPE Contract Management**

Heather Harris
Superintendent of Education

Charity Rydholm - Executive Secretary

- School Effectiveness**
 - K-8 Program
 - Literacy
 - Board Improvement Plan Lead
- Early Years**
- Child Care**
- Indigenous Education Elementary**
 - REA Lead
 - Indigenous Language
- French as a Second Language**
 - Core
 - Immersion
- Research**
- Privacy Information Management**
- New Teacher Induction Program**
- Elementary Hockey Academies**

- Miiniwewinan : Indigenous Education**
- Advisory Committee (IEAC)**
- School Year Calendar**

- Elementary Contract Management**
- DECE Contract Management**

Schools:

Armstrong	Gorham and Ware
CD Howe	McKellar
Claude Garton	McKenzie
École Elsie MacGill	Ogden
École Gron Morgan	St. James
Five Mile	Sherbrooke

Jane Lower
Superintendent of Education

Charity Rydholm - Executive Secretary

- Adult and Continuing Education**
- Student Success**
 - 7-12 Program
 - Pathways
 - Destreaming
 - Alternative Education
 - Speciality Programs (i.e. OYAP, Coop, SHSM, SCWI, FNMI SSWs, Indigenous Tutors, AYEP, Dual Credits, Graduation Coaches, KZ Lodge, Secondary eLearning, TSP)
- Experiential Education**
- International Education**
- Student Leadership**
- English Language Learners**
- Equity and Inclusive Education**
- Kingfisher**
- Indigenous Education Secondary**

- Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL)**
- Equity and Inclusive Education Committee**
- Lakehead Public Schools International Board**

- Secondary Contract Management**

Schools:

Adult Education	Superior
Crestview	Valley Central
Hammarskjold	Westgate
Kakabeka Falls	Whitefish
Kingsway Park	Woodcrest
Nor'wester View	

Michelle Probizanski
Superintendent of Education

Simona Serrao - Executive Secretary

- Mental Health**
 - Social Work
 - Attendance
- Human Resources**
 - Attendance Management
 - Recruitment and Retention
 - Disability Management
 - Labour Relations
- Special Education**
 - Education and Community Partnerships Program
 - Partnerships
 - Autism Services and Supports
 - Paraprofessional Supports
 - Collaborative Paediatric Clinic
 - Northern Supports Initiative
- Leadership Development & Succession Planning**
- Safe Schools**
- Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act**

- Special Education Advisory Committee**
- Operations**

- Negotiations Lead**
- Student Support Professionals Contract Management**
- Non-Union Contract Management**
- Social Workers Contract Management**

Schools:

Algonquin
Vance Chapman
Westmount

Nick Sacevich
Associate Superintendent: Math and IT Lead

Charity Rydholm - Executive Secretary

- Renewed Math Strategy**
 - Inform, monitor and report progress towards math achievement and improvement targets;
 - Lead board-wide efforts to meet targets;
 - Provide ongoing information to the Ministry Math Achievement Action Team
- Priority Schools Support**
 - Support development of achievement improvement plans;
 - Support school administration in achievement of targets
- Coach/Intervention Team**
- Information Technology**