



Committed to the success
of every student

Trustees
2025-2026

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Lakehead District School Board Leadership | 2025-2026

Sherri-Lynne 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

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

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

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