



Committed to the success
of every student

Trustees
2026-2027

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Lakehead District School Board Leadership | 2026-2027

Sherri-Lynne Pharand
Chief Executive Officer

Christine Jones - Executive Assistant
Kelly Stewart Doromko - Executive Secretary

Chief Executive Officer

Chief Education Officer

Secretary to the Board

Board

Procedural By-Law

Policies and Procedures

Board and Committee Meetings

Communications

LPS International Education

Partnerships

Activities Director

Executive Council

Parent Involvement Committee

Lakehead Public Schools Foundation

LPS International Board

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

Privacy Information Management

Accessibility for Ontarians with

Disabilities Act

Audit Committee

Finance Committee

STSTB

Operations

CUPE Contract Management

COPE Contract Management

Non-Union Contract Management

Heather Harris
Superintendent of Education: Early Years &
Elementary Education

Charity Rydholm - Executive Secretary

School Effectiveness

K-8 Program

Leading Student Achievement Lead

Literacy

Board Improvement Plan Lead

Early Years

Child Care

Indigenous Education Elementary

REA Lead

Anishinaabemowin

French as a Second Language

Core

Immersion

Research

Kingfisher

Miiniwewinan : Indigenous Education

Advisory Committee (IEAC)

School Year Calendar

Elementary Contract Management

DECE Contract Management

Schools:

Armstrong

Gorham and Ware

Claude Garton

McKenzie

École Elsie MacGill

Nor'wester View

École Gron Morgan

Ogden

Five Mile

Maggie Fredrickson
Superintendent of Education

Charity Rydholm - Executive Secretary

Adult and Continuing Education

Student Success

7-12 Program

Partnerships

Connections

Pathways

College Link

Alternative Education

Speciality Programs (i.e. OYAP, Coop, SHSM,
SCWI, IYEP, Dual Credits, Graduation Coach-
es, KZ Lodge, Secondary eLearning, TSP)

Experiential Education

Student Leadership

Equity and Inclusive Education

Indigenous Education Secondary

Student Attendance

Attendance Counsellors

Academies of Learning

Hockey

Volleyball

Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL)

Equity and Inclusive Education Committee

Secondary Contract Management

Schools:

Adult Education

Superior

Hammarkjold

Westgate

Patti-Jo Pesola-Brunton
Superintendent of Education: Math 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

Information Technology

New Teacher Induction Program (NTIP)

Leadership Development & Succession Planning

Multi Language Learners

Elementary Guidance

Schools:

Algonquin

Sherbrooke

CD Howe

Vance Chapman

Crestview

Valley Central

St. James

Westmount

Kakabeka Falls

Woodcrest

Kingsway Park

Whitefish

McKellar

Michelle Probizanski
Superintendent of Education

Simona Serrao - Executive Secretary

Mental Health

Social Work

Human Resources

Attendance Support

Recruitment and Retention

Disability Management

Labour Relations

Special Education

Education and Community Partnership Program

Autism Services and Supports

Paraprofessional Supports

Collaborative Paediatric Clinic

Northern Adjustment Fund

Care and Treatment Education Programs

Safe and Accepting Schools

Risk Management

Student and Family Support Office

Special Education Advisory Committee

Operations

Negotiations Lead

Student Support Professionals Contract Management

Non-Union Contract Management

Social Workers Contract Management

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