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of every student

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2026-2027

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Lakehead District School Board Leadership | 2026-2027

Sherri-Lynne Pharand
Chief Executive Officer

Christine Jones - Executive Assistant
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- 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	Valley Central

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 Coaches, 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
Hammar skjold	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
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Schools:

Algonquin	McKellar
CD Howe	Sherbrooke
Crestview	Vance Chapman
St. James	Westmount
Kakabeka Falls	Woodcrest
Kingsway Park	Whitefish

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