

The Canadian School
Mental Health
Leadership Network

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CREATING SAFE SPACES FOR LEADERSHIP LEARNING

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SCOPE

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National table of education system leaders

Focus on school mental health

Topics of interest generated by participants

Engagement with thought leaders and researchers

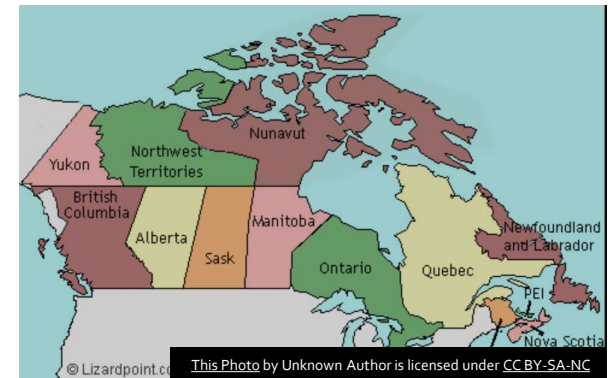
Safe space to learn and exchange



PARTICIPANTS

- Dr. Kathy Short - School Mental Health Ontario, Psychologist
- Dr. Cindy Finn – Director General, Lester B. Pearson School Board, Psychologist
- Ken Bain - Executive Director, Canadian Association of School System Administrators (Retired)
- Janet Stewart - Executive Director, Canadian School Boards Association
- School system leaders representing a Cross-Canadian perspective
- Thought leaders, researchers, and practitioners in the area of school mental health from throughout Canada

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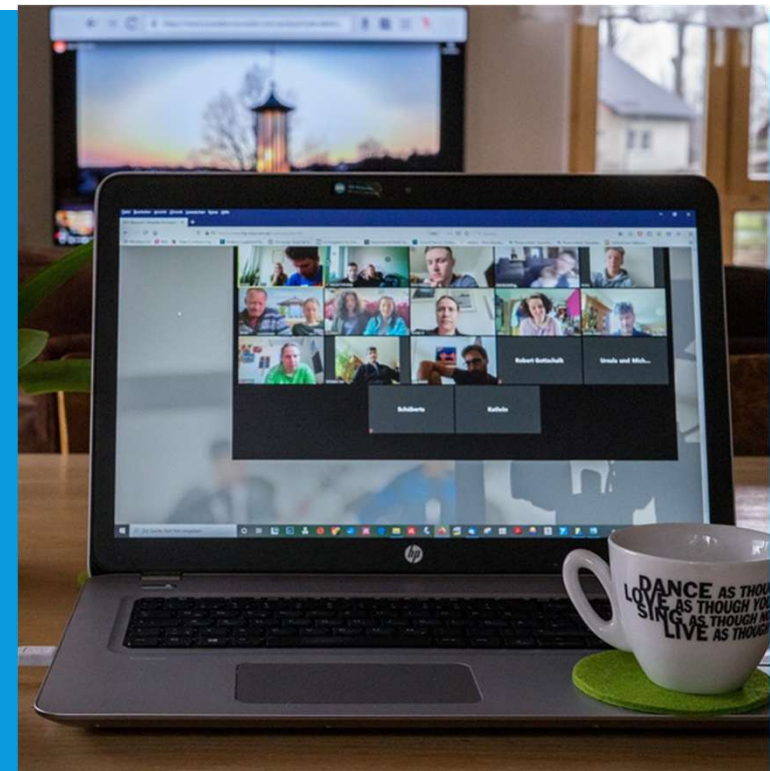
STRUCTURE

Virtual gatherings – Fireside chat

- Presentation on SMH topic (e.g., violence prevention, technology, suicide prevention, absenteeism)
- Thought leader contribution (research & clinical)
- Breakout sessions, group sharing
- Summary of notes

In-person network meetings

- *Leading School Mental Health with Balance and Hope*, October 24-25, 2024, Toronto
- *Leadership for Scalable and Sustainable School Mental Health Practices*, October 25-26, 2023, Toronto



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Active network of Canadian school system leaders with knowledge and passion related to school mental health



Direct access to school mental health expertise and a range of thought leader perspectives



Sharing of innovative and practices across Canadian jurisdictions



Greater awareness of evidence-based information related to school mental health promotion, prevention and early intervention, multi-tiered supports



Access to information (e.g., meeting summaries, presentations) to address pressing local issues and support policy development

KEY SUCCESSSES

REFLECTION QUESTIONS



"DO OTHERS HAVE SIMILAR
NETWORKS?"



"HOW ARE THEY SUPPORTED
AND FUNDED?"



"WHAT HAS LED TO THE
SUCCESS OF YOUR
NETWORKS?"