



# WOODBRIIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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The York Region District School Board recognizes the importance of professional learning that enhances educators' knowledge and skills in support of all students and children.

For the 2023-24 school year, mandatory Professional Activity (PA) days will focus on the priority areas of:

- Literacy and Mathematics
- Curriculum Implementation
- Student Well-being, School Safety and Violence Prevention

All Elementary schools will participate in a Professional Activity Day on September 22, and will take place face-to-face at school (with the exception of Virtual School).

A detailed summary of the PA Day activities has been provided for your convenience.

**Length:** Half Day - AM

**Topic 1:** Student Well-being, School Safety, and Violence Prevention

**Entity Hosting:** All Elementary Schools

**Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s):** Online modules developed by Board staff. Facilitated by School Administration.

**Description:** School teams will engage in compliance training including:

- occupational health & safety;
- student safety and violent incident prevention;
- training on supporting student mental health and well-being; and
- understanding cybersecurity and online privacy.

**Length:** Half Day - PM

**Topic 2:** Literacy/Mathematics Instructional Strategies

**Entity Hosting:** All Elementary Schools

**Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s):** Online modules developed by Board staff, self-directed and/or group-directed in grade/division groupings.

**Description: Literacy:** Kindergarten to Grade 8 educators will participate in a module providing an overview of literacy in YRDSB, an orientation to the new Ontario Language curriculum, Early and Emergent Reading Instruction, Universal Design for Learning, Equitable Assessment, and Screening Tool information.

**Math:** Kindergarten to Grade 8 educators will participate in a module on the nine High Impact Instructional Practices identified by the Ministry of Education and their connection to our board's Comprehensive Math Program.

In partnership,

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