

# Agenda

**School Advisory Council Provincial Conference**  
Halifax Convention Centre, November 28, 2025

<b>8:00 – 9:00</b> 1 HR.	<b>Registration and Networking (Salon)</b> <i>Please note that a light breakfast, with coffee and tea, will be offered during this time.</i>
<b>9:00 – 9:15</b> 15 MIN.	<b>Welcome – Ballroom (B2/B3)</b> ► Hon. Brendan Maguire, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development
<b>9:15 – 10:15</b> 1 HR.	<b>Student Safety and Wellness – Ballroom (B2/B3)</b> ► This session will update SACs on the Safe Schools implementation including the Code of Conduct Policy. There will be an opportunity for an interactive discussion on how SACs can continue to support this work and what the next steps are.
<b>10:15 – 10:25</b> 10 MIN.	<b>Break</b> <i>Time for transition</i>
<b>10:25 – 11:05</b> 40 MIN.	<b>Morning Breakout Session #1</b> <i>Please consult the breakout session agenda from your welcome package.</i>
<b>11:05 – 11:15</b> 10 MIN.	<b>Coffee/Networking Break (Salon)</b>
<b>11:15 – 11:55</b> 40 MIN.	<b>Morning Breakout Session #2</b> <i>Please consult the breakout session agenda from your welcome package.</i>
<b>11:55 – 1:05</b> 1 HR. 10 MIN.	<b>Lunch &amp; Networking – Ballroom (B2/B3)</b>
<b>1:05 – 1:55</b> 50 MIN.	<b>SAC 101 for Chairs – English (B1), French (504)</b> ► This session will delve into the legislation governing SACs, the importance of strengthening local voice, and the specific duties and responsibilities of council members. The session will cover SAC Agreement and Bylaws, discuss membership, and explore the management of SAC funds. Additionally, participants will be presented with actual scenario's that members of SACs could experience, these interactions may spark further questions that participants want addressed.  <b>SAC 101 for Principals – Ballroom (B2/B3)</b> <i>Available with simultaneous translation</i> ► EECD and PSAANS are pleased to offer this interactive session designed to support school leaders in strengthening engagement with School Advisory Councils (SACs) across the province. This session will provide an overview of the principal's role in fostering effective SAC collaboration, followed by...

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**1:05 – 1:55**

50 MIN.

...a dynamic panel discussion featuring principals from elementary, junior high, and high school settings. Participants will also engage in small-group workshopping and collaborative dialogue, with an opportunity to ask questions and share insights.

Educational leaders will leave this session equipped with practical strategies and renewed confidence to enhance SAC engagement in support of student achievement and well-being.

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**1:55 – 2:05**

10 MIN.

**Break**

*Time for transition*

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**2:05 – 2:45**

40 MIN.

**Afternoon Breakout Sessions**

*Please consult the breakout session agenda from your welcome package.*

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**2:45 – 2:55**

10 MIN.

**Coffee/Networking Break (Salon)**

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**2:55 – 3:45**

50 MIN.

**From Kitchen to Student:**

**The People Behind Nova Scotia's School Lunch Program – Ballroom (B2/B3)**

- ▶ This interactive session will shine a light on the key partnerships that make the Nova Scotia School Lunch Program possible. Moderated by Amanda Northcott, Executive Lead for School Food, the session will feature a panel discussion with voices from across the program, including a Regional School Food Program Lead, food service vendors, school cooks, principals, and students.

Through their perspectives, participants will gain a behind the scenes look at how the program works in practice, what it means for students and school communities, and how collaboration among schools, vendors, and regional teams supports daily access to nutritious meals that enhance student learning and well-being. The discussion will also explore how School Advisory Councils (SACs) can help champion the program, strengthen community connections, and encourage participation at the local level.

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**3:45 – 4:00**

15 MIN.

**Closing Remarks – Ballroom (B2/B3)**

- ▶ Tracey Barbrick, Deputy Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development
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