



# BEGINNING TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

**Wednesday, October 23, 2024**

05:00 PM Registration & Light Supper

06:00 PM Greetings

06:15 PM Let's Talk!: Estelle Lamoureux and Students

07:45 PM Networking

**Thursday, October 24, 2024**

08:00 AM Registration & Light Breakfast

08:45 AM FYI

09:00 AM Embracing the Future: Harnessing Artificial Intelligence in Education: Kirsten Thompson

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM Workshops

11:45 AM Lunch (provided)

12:45 PM Mentorship Sessions "A"

02:00 PM Break

02:15 PM Mentorship Sessions "B"

03:30 PM Exit slips and goodbyes

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Designed for teachers in their first five years of teaching

Keynote & various breakout sessions

Location:  
Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre  
1808 Wellington Avenue  
(Winnipeg)

Registration fee:  
Only \$50

Register online:

<https://memberlink.mbteach.org/Login.aspx?ReturnURL=%2fEventDetails.aspx%3fEventID%3d2820>

## Wednesday Keynote:

### Let's Talk! – Estelle Lamoureux and Students



As the world is changing at an alarming pace, it is crucial for educators to teach and facilitate critical thinking skills to their students. Estelle will focus on creating opportunities for students to acquire leadership and civic engagement skills for change. She will highlight the various organizations such as Ethics Bowl Canada and Manitoba Association for Rights and Liberties

The second half of the presentation will be devoted to listening to often marginalized students' experiences and the power of a teacher to make a safe classroom experience for all.

## Thursday Keynote:

### Embracing the Future: Harnessing Artificial Intelligence in Education - Kirsten Thompson



Dive into the transformative power of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the classroom and how it can support you as you navigate your first five years. This session will explore how AI can be used to support you in your role while helping to ensure our use is ethical and in alignment with existing practices for Manitoba educators. Kirsten will strive to inspire, inform and equip participants with the skill set to leverage AI technology and maximize their efficiency.



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## Workshops : 10:30-11:45 (*Select One*)

### W1 – Violence in the Classroom / Worker's Rights / When to Call a Staff Officer

Presenter: **Terri Hill**

Terri has been a Staff Officer with the Manitoba Teachers' Society since 2015. Her work primarily involves bargaining, protecting teachers' rights, and supporting teachers with issues in their workplace. She also oversees the Workplace Safety and Health Standing Committee and provides training to teachers across the province on topics including harassment, violence, and general safety at work. Prior to working for MTS, Terri was a middle school teacher for 23 years, the last 8 of which she worked as a principal. Terri enjoys camping and travelling with her partner, and spending time with good friends who make her laugh.

#### **Session description:**

Violence is a new reality in today's classrooms. For teachers to keep themselves and their students safe, it is important for them to understand their rights and responsibilities under the Manitoba Workplace Safety and Health legislation. This session provides this information, as well as some helpful strategies for dealing with student violence.

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### W2 – Hands-On AI Tools for Educators

Presenter: **Kirsten Thompson**

Kirsten serves as the divisional Coordinator of ICT for the Mountain View School Division, overseeing technology programming and purchasing for approximately 3000 stakeholders. She is a Microsoft Education Trainer and a Level 1 Google Certified Educator with over 200 hours of combined professional development on how to assist educators in these tools. Before this, Kirsten was employed as a classroom teacher in the Turtle River School Division for 6 years where she taught various subjects, ranging from Grade 7-12. Kirsten has completed all the required course work as she pursues her Ph. D in educational software evaluation. This work was started at the University of Regina under the supervision of Dr. Alec Couros.

#### **Session description:**

Build on the insights from our keynote address by diving into a hands-on breakout session designed to empower educators with practical AI skills. In this interactive session, you'll get the chance to explore various AI tools, learn the fundamentals of prompt engineering, and apply AI technology to real-world classroom scenarios.



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### W3 – To Teach is to Learn Twice

Presenter: **Lia Gervino**

Lia is a Staff Officer in the Professional and French Language Services Department of The Manitoba Teachers' Society. In addition to workshop development for teacher groups, she also provides support to teachers through the Society's Special Area Groups of Educators, Professional Development Chairs, and various women in educational leadership initiatives. Lia's professional background includes Inclusive Education, student services and teaching in K-12 schools, and was the vice-president of a Local Teachers' Association.

**Session description:**

Teaching, while challenging, is a rewarding and fulfilling profession where you impart knowledge to students, become part of a local network of over 16,000 Manitoba teachers, and deepen your own professional learning throughout your career.

Learn strategies that will support you in creating effective and inclusive learning environments in your classroom. Engage in activities that will serve as tools to enhance your own evolving pedagogy all while creating opportunities for student success and belonging. Best of luck, we are so glad you chose teaching as your profession!

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### W4 – It's All About You

Presenter: **The Teacher-Led Learning Team**

The mandate of the Teacher-Led Learning Team is to design and deliver workshops and presentations to Society members across the province.

**Session description:**

Thinking proactively about teacher approaches can change classrooms. This one-hour session will guide new teachers on how to use classroom routines and other considerations to build relationships with their students to proactively establish their presence and build a classroom community.

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## Curriculum Mentoring Sessions: Enhancing Your Teaching Practice

Connect with a curriculum mentor and your peers to examine problems of practice, brainstorm lesson ideas, share knowledge, resources, challenges, and build relationships that will support you in your first five years!

To prepare for these sessions, participants are encouraged to bring work samples, resources they have used, lesson ideas they want to work on, and questions and challenges they are facing.

*The sessions are divided into two blocks. Choose one curricular area for Block A and one curricular area for Block B.*

### **A Sessions: 12:45 – 14:00** *(Select One Focus Area)*

**MSA1 ELA – Early Year**

**MSA2 ELA – Middle Years**

**MSA3 ELA – Senior Years**

**MSA4 Indigenous Education**

**MSA5 Math – Early Years**

**MSA6 Math – Middle Years**

**MSA7 Math – Senior Years**

**MSA8 Assessment**

**MSA9 How to prepare for an evaluation**

### **B Sessions: 14:15 – 15:30** *(Select One Focus Area)*

**MSB1 ELA – Early Year**

**MSB2 ELA – Middle Years**

**MSB3 ELA – Senior Years**

**MSB4 Indigenous Education**

**MSB5 Math – Early Years**

**MSB6 Math – Middle Years**

**MSB7 Math – Senior Years**

**MSB8 Assessment**

**MSB9 How to prepare for an evaluation**

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