



## NCTCA Report - Meeting November 30, 2024

Please see this [NCTCA link](#) for information regarding this year's **IN PERSON** teachers' convention on February 6th and 7th, 2025. Updated information on speakers and related convention items is now available.

### Speakers:

- Scott Ervin - Behavioural Leadership and Behaviour Strategies
- Jessica Janzen - Resiliency Recovering from Loss
- Jodie Baulkham - Grief Coaching, Resilience
- Tyler Smith - Mental Health Resilience
- Connie Jakab - Helping Teachers with Parents
- Chidi Iwuwchukwu Resilience Diversity - How to help new Canadians in schools
- Maegan Giroux - Math - Building Thinking Classrooms
- Carmen Moore - Catholic School Culture Admin
- Carole Anne Devaney - French: Impact of a Teacher
- Dana Fulwiler Volk - Wellbeing, Women in Leadership Presenter
- Connie Walker - Journalist - Indigenous Inclusion
- Dr Lisa Belanger - Behavioural Change Expert
- Dr. Jarred Amato Teacher Author - Just Read It: Unlocking the Magic of Independent Reading in Middle and High School Classrooms.
- Laurie McIntosh - Teacher Connection
- Mensah Memedzo - Enseignant French - Journey to becoming a Canadian
- Douglas Sanderson and Andrew Sniderman - Authors Indigenous Perspectives (Will be handing out 500 books during this session)

**SCHED is now open on the website. Pre-Registration will open Monday, December 9th, 2024, at 7:00 pm to allow equal access for all teachers.** If a session has a fee attached, all members attending the session must pay the fee as it helps to pay for the session facilitator.

Please be mindful when choosing your sessions on SCHED. **As we near convention, please sign up for only one session per time slot.** On the Tuesday before the convention, the directors look at the number of people signed up for each session and move the sessions to smaller or larger rooms accordingly. Schedule postcards will be delivered to each school when they arrive, so teachers can create a list of all the sessions they are interested in attending.

This year, sessions will be located at the Edmonton Convention Centre (formally SHAW) and the Westin. **There will be no free wifi at the Edmonton Convention Centre.** Please be prepared to use personal cellular data or purchase access if you would like wifi at this location. There is free wifi access at the Westin Hotel.

You may be asked for your ATA card at convention. You can print or take a screenshot of your ATA card by logging into and accessing the members-only section of the [ATA website](#). You may be redirected to a legacy website. If you look under your profile, you will find the section to view and print your card.

Substitute teachers and part-time teachers may attend both days of convention as long as they have their ATA card.

If you are interested in staying downtown during the convention, rate information can be found using this [link](#) or by looking at the accommodations section of the NCTCA website. **If booking accommodations online, use the link provided above for the Westin or Chateau Lacombe or contact the hotels directly and ask for the NCTCA rate.** Using the government rate on other hotel booking websites will not work as we are not considered direct government employees.

You can follow updates online on Instagram at [nctca\\_ab](#) or Facebook NCTCA.

The NCTCA continues to look at how to make convention more accessible to people with disabilities and neuro-divergence. They are also looking into how to be inclusive of different religions and cultures. Updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

The NCTCA also continues to look into safety concerns about the downtown area during the convention. There are ongoing conversations with the EPS and security downtown.

Respectfully submitted,  
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NCTCA Chair