

Objectives of the Forum:

- Exploration of a key topic relevant to public education in Canada
- Balanced presentations and speakers
- Open dialogue respectful of all views
- Bring together people who would not otherwise dialogue on the topic
- Expand horizons and networks of all participants



Monday, July 12, 2010	Tuesday, July 13, 2010
0900 Welcome: President Mary-Lou Donnelly Introductions	0830 Continental Breakfast
0910 Setting the stage: Mary-Lou Donnelly on recent trends in demographics and education funding, national and international	0845 Speaker · Dr. Calvin Fraser, CTF – What should be the promise of Public Education? (Questions follow.)
0940 Keynote Presentation National Perspectives in funding priorities · Peter Cowley, Fraser Institute · Bruce Campbell, CCPA 10-minute question period	0930 Panel: What are the challenges? · Department Official – Dr. Keray Henke, Alberta · Superintendent – Carole Olsen, Halifax · Teacher – Dianne Woloschuk, CTF VP 10-minute question period
1050 Refreshments	1040 Refreshments
1110 Break Out Sessions: discussion and feedback Response to: · education funding trends · identification of priorities	1100 Break Out Sessions: discussion and feedback Focus questions on responsibilities of different sectors of society regarding advocacy/support. Collation of discussion reported in daily news bulletin
1230 Lunch (on your own)	1230 Lunch (on your own)
1330 Keynote Presentations International perspectives in funding priorities · Bob Kim, NEA, USA – Race to the Top · Education International: Bob Harris – Overview	1330 Keynote Presentation Fulfilling the Promise · AFN: Karihwakeron Tim Thompson 30-minute presentation followed by 15-minute question period
1445 Refreshments	1415 Special Education: Dr. Gordon Porter
1500 Table rounds on potential impact of the international initiatives for education in Canada Report on one item per table, collation of discussion reported in daily news bulletin	1445 Full Group Discussion on facilitators and barriers to the education promise. 1530 Forum summary: Dr. Gordon Thomas
1600 Research Presentation on Merit Pay by Susan Perry, OECTA followed by Questions	1600 Closing and Adjournment President Mary-Lou Donnelly
1630 Reception	

Note: All presentations are screened in both English and French. Print copies of presentations or supplementary materials are made available in both languages.
 Coffee, tea and refreshments at breaks are supplied. Lunch is on your own but the hotel has restaurants and is connected to a food court.