

PTU COMMUNICATION

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Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Dispute Prevention and Resolution (DPR) Committee, I am reaching out to share an update regarding training opportunities for 2026-2027.

As you hopefully know, the goal of a DPR-based approach is to help resolve conflicts as they arise, rather than letting them linger and fester. To do so, we encourage open dialogue between individuals in potential disputes, with additional mechanisms in place to support resolution of these issues, where possible.

This project is an important one for us at PTU: it was partially initiated by our previous President Heidi Yetman in 2018 and been ongoing ever since. We have seen major advances in the last few years, with the creation of a provincial DPR steering committee, the commitment by all school boards to launch a formal DPR Guideline, and monthly meetings of the LBPSB DPR committee, which contains representatives from all of the unions and associations. This committee is run by consensus, and all decisions are made together.

This year, our focus will again reach into schools and centres, and to train teachers and other employee groups with additional dispute resolution techniques. These individuals would then be available, if requested, to come alongside individuals who are in dispute and provide support in finding positive outcomes.

Full-day trainings will be led by Sam Conille, an accredited mediator and conflict prevention advisor, who I have worked with personally over the many years of this project. Her style and information are engaging and relevant, and the feedback from previous sessions has been very positive.

The link to register has been sent to all teachers.

Please note the following:

- The trainings of November 13 and January 29 are aimed at Youth Sector teachers, and the training of February 15 is aimed at Continuing Education teachers. This is done to align with the respective pedagogical days in each sector.
- Given the number of individuals to train and the scope of the project, please ensure that you remain available on the date you are signalling availability for.
- The deadline to complete the form is **October 30**. Volunteers will be assigned to the appropriate training session shortly thereafter.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this training prior to completing the form. We are discussing at the DPR Committee how best to equip participants going forward, including with new banks of resources, so more information will be shared with you over the course of this academic year.

Thank you in advance for your potential interest in this important training.

All the very best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Wilson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Matt Wilson
PTU President