

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

To better meet the key needs of future leaders, the British Columbia School Superintendents Association (BCSSA) and Simon Fraser University are providing an online program to help prepare them for the challenges and opportunities ahead. The curriculum is based on the BCSSA's *Dimensions of Practice*,* adopted as the foundation for the association's professional development programs.

The content-rich *Dimensions of Practice* online program makes learning accessible and draws from the best in current practice. The *Dimensions* courses are designed to build knowledge and enhance competencies in eight essential areas: leadership and district culture; policy and governance; communications and community relations; organizational management; curriculum planning and development; instructional management and district accountability; human resources management; and values and ethics of leadership.

COURSES & SCHEDULE

A three-day residency introduction to the program will be offered on July 6–8, 2008. The session will focus on the complexities of school district leadership with an overview of the eight *Dimensions of Practice*. As a cohort the participants will meet the instruction team and receive training for online learning.

Each of the courses will focus on one of the *Dimensions of Practice*, delivered online over a six-week period. There will be approximately 40 hours of work to complete each course. The learners will work in teams and have a facilitator guide them through the discussions, provide assistance and answer questions.

APPLY FOR THE PROGRAM

Fill out the application form on the reverse side and fax to BCSSA: 604.687.8118

For further information on the program and application process, please contact:

Colin McDougall, Program Manager
cmcdougall@bcssa.org

The application deadline is May 15, 2008

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

The BCSSA invites applications from individuals who are district leaders or school-based principals and vice-principals and are interested in participating in this unique professional development opportunity. Candidates are encouraged to apply early as the *Dimensions of Practice* program is limited to 24 participants.

An expectation of all program participants will be their commitment to provide to the BCSSA an evaluation of the course content and delivery.

FEES

Each year, participants each contribute:

- \$ 400 for each of the *Dimensions of Practice* courses (\$1,600)
- \$ 500 for three-day residency session, plus direct costs for accommodations and meals

For groups of three or more from one district, a special rate is available. Please contact the BCSSA for information.

PROPOSED COURSE CALENDAR

YEAR ONE

Residency session

Dimension 1: Leadership and District Culture

Dimension 2: Policy and Governance

Dimension 3: Communications and Community Relations

Dimension 4: Organizational Management

YEAR TWO

Residency session

Dimension 8: Values and Ethics of Leadership

Dimension 7: Human Resources Management

Dimension 6: Instructional Management and District Accountability

Dimension 5: Curriculum Planning and Development

*adapted from *Professional Standards for the Superintendency*, American Association of School Administrators

Dimensions of Practice Online

through Simon Fraser University

for District Leaders and Aspiring District Leaders



The British Columbia School Superintendents Association seeks educators interested in participating in a unique professional development program in district leadership based on the BCSSA's eight *Dimensions of Practice*:

Dimensions of Practice

- 1 – Leadership and District Culture
- 2 – Policy and Governance
- 3 – Communications and Community Relations
- 4 – Organizational Management
- 5 – Curriculum Planning and Development
- 6 – Instructional Management and District Accountability
- 7 – Human Resources Management
- 8 – Values and Ethics of Leadership

Successful applicants will be required to cover the costs of the three-day residency session on July 6, 7 and 8, 2008: \$500 fee (plus direct costs for accommodations and meals)

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APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ Position: _____ S.D. # _____ School: _____
(if applicable)

work | Mailing Address: _____

work | Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

home | Mailing Address: _____

home | Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Reference: _____
name position S.D. # telephone

Please fax this form to: Colin McDougall, Program Manager, BCSSA @ 604.687.8118