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October 8th and 9th are Provincial Professional Development (PD) Days in New Brunswick's Anglophone Schools. Over the course of the two days, all School District 2 teachers, teacher assistants and behaviour interventionists will be involved in Professional Development activities.

On Thursday, teachers will be working in their schools on activities related to School Improvement Planning. All schools in district 2 focus on the "Three Big Ideas" of a Professional Learning Community when organizing improvement efforts at the school level. (1) Focus on Learning, (2) Focus on Collaboration (3) Focus on Results. School District 2 teachers work in teams to develop goals that support the School Improvement Plan. These goals are based on data from provincial, district and school assessments and are focused on the achievement targets in "When Kids Come First", the provincial and district education plan.

On Friday teachers will be involved in provincial PD activities in their subject areas. Some of which are, literacy, math, science, music, chemistry, English as a second language, physical education, resource, French immersion and intensive French).

Custodians, casuals and repairmen will be meeting to review our on-going response to Pandemic (H1N1) to safeguard our students, staff and visitors by ensuring cleaning protocols are followed. Protecting yourself while using chemicals as per WHMIS protocols. Other hot topics: Salt & Sanding versus Trips & Falls, Thermostat Controls, Chain of Command, Wet and Dry Program, Ensure proper operation of physical plant and check for vandalism and Subfinder

Our bus drivers and our transportation team will be hearing from guest speaker Mr. Lloyd Mallard, retired school principal from PEI. Mr. Mallard will be talking to the bus drivers on PREVENTION. The drivers will hear about methods that will help with maintaining a safe and enjoyable bus run by utilizing tips such as de-escalation, being consistent, working on the relationship, using the front seat for more than discipline being clear and concise with limits and follow thru.

Teacher Assistants will have training in Parapro - Supporting the Instructional Process from presenters-Dr. Shelley Nelson and Allen Marr, Psychologist, Mandt Training from presenter - Alisha Ames and an Outlook into the Portal by presenter-Mario Chiasson, Technology Mentor.

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