



**SOUTHEASTERN ALBERTA TEACHERS' CONVENTION ASSOCIATION
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Mr. Mark Davidson, Superintendent
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Dear Mr. Davidson,

You are cordially invited to attend the 2017 Southeastern Alberta Teachers' Convention. Please extend this invitation to School District Board Administrators and Trustees. The Convention dates are Thursday, February 23th and Friday, February 24th.

Our convention committee hopes that this year's program will provide teachers with new ideas for our rapidly changing world. Highlighting our Keynote sessions are Vince Gowman, Dean Shareski, Dr. Cal Hauserman and Dr. Alex Russell.

Vince Gowman is the founder of Remembering to Play Events. He speaks about the importance of play and his talk centers around wellness.

Thursday afternoon we are excited to have Dean Shareski speak to our teachers. Dean is a university instructor at the University of Regina. Dean speaks about the importance in engaging our Digital Natives and the importance for teachers to explore the affordances of technology for learning.

Friday morning we have Dr. Cal Hauserman who is a former administrator and works on helping transform practice. Cal has two presentations. The first is on exploring approaches for creating a positive classroom climate. The second explores the changing paradigms in classrooms today.

Dr. Alex Russell is a clinical psychologist. The heart of his message is that children learn through the experience of non-catastrophic, painful failure, and it is through the process of these failures that they mature into resilient, resourceful, and emotionally balanced individuals.

We have over 120 sessions including workshops for teachers to choose from. It is a great time to connect, collaborate and sharpen the saw.

Regards,

Tim Johnson
President
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