

# LEADERSHIP UPDATE

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## WCEAC Fall 2005 Conference: Leadership Today for Tomorrow: Creating Connections

The 44th annual Western Canadian Educational Administrators' Conference will take place October 26–29, 2005, at the Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton. Once again, Jennifer Lawley and her fine team have planned a stellar program.

Keeping with a tradition that is very popular with many attendees, WCEAC 05 is offering an opportunity to “power shadow” an administrator in one of several schools in Edmonton and the surrounding areas. Both registrants and the host principals derive many professional benefits from this exchange.

Alfie Kohn will begin the conference with a keynote address entitled “Deadly Effects of Tougher Standards: Challenging One-Size-Fits-All Tests and Curricula.” Other keynote speakers include Linda McQuaig (“Greed,

Lust and the New Capitalism: What School Leaders Can Do”), Eric Newell (“Building a Strong Society: The Role of School Leadership”), Paula Simons (“The 70% Solution: Engaging the Public in Public Education”) and Ben Levin (“Public Education in Canada: Where Do We Go from Here?”). These sessions are complemented by breakout sessions on a wide variety of topics of interest to administrators.

A feature session this year will be a superintendents' forum, in which superintendents will share their district stories. As well, there will be storefront booths that will feature district schools and their initiatives.

For further information, please visit the conference website at [www.wceac.org](http://www.wceac.org).

## Council on School Administration

The Council on School Administration (CSA) executive met on August 26 and 27, 2005. As well as conducting the normal business of the council, the executive engaged in an intensive workshop with Jacquie Skytt, ATA Coordinator of Professional Development, to review its current professional development plan and to develop a two-year plan to enhance the council's role in regional and provincial professional development. This is in keeping with the recommendation of the Blue Ribbon Panel

that the CSA be given a central role in the development of professional development programs for school administrators. One of the recommendations of the Panel is “that the Association propose that the Council on School Administration establish a professional development advisory committee to assist with the completion of a needs assessment and articulation of professional development program priorities.” The CSA executive will continue its work in this area at its next meeting, in October.



# Banff Leadership Seminar Announces Speaker

The 2006 Banff Leadership Seminar is pleased to announce that Dr Harvey Alvy has agreed to act as main speaker/ seminar leader. Alvy is well known for his excellent books, including *The Principal's Companion: Strategies and Hints to Make the Job Easier*, and *The*

*New Principal's Fieldbook: Strategies for Success* (both written with Pam Robbins).

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## Comprehensive Professional Development Planning

Your school should already have received a copy of the new *Guide to Comprehensive Professional Development Planning*. This guide is intended to support your conversations and work in professional development.

If you would like assistance in this regard, please contact the ATA Professional Development program area at 447-9400 (in Edmonton) or 1-800-232-7208 (toll free in Alberta).

*For further information, visit [www.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.teachers.ab.ca) or contact Member Services at the Alberta Teachers' Association, 447-9400 (in Edmonton) or 1-800-232-7208 (from elsewhere in Alberta).*