

# CHECK YOUR PD ROAD MAP

## Teachers' conventions and specialist council conferences in 2015/16

Mark teachers' conventions as a key component for your professional growth plan. Learn from top-notch speakers and presentations. Reflect on your professional needs. Take advantage of specialist council membership and conferences to keep current and keep in touch with colleagues.

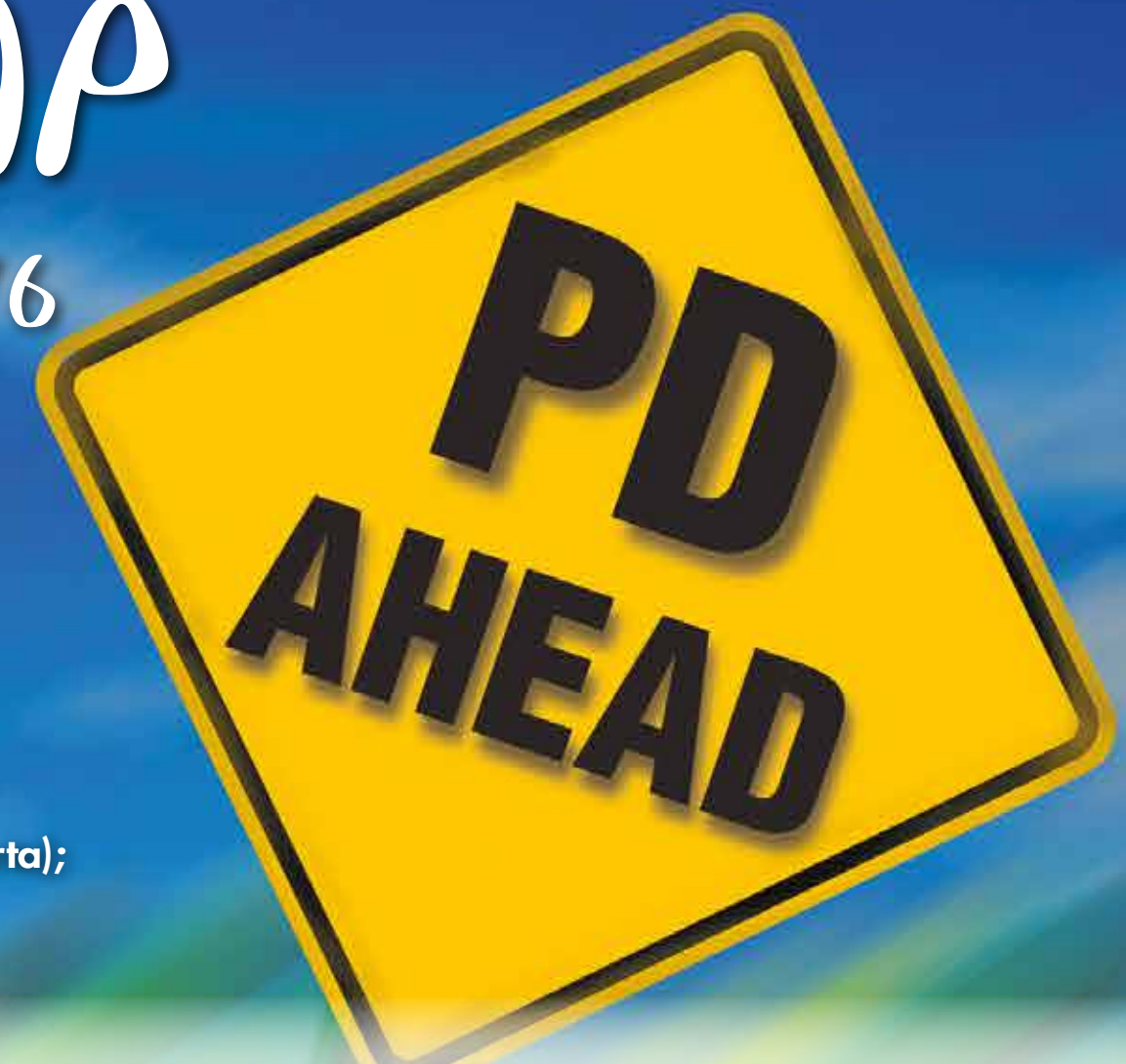
Enhance your professional practice with a meaningful professional growth plan.

Check out your professional growth plan. Does it include your no-cost specialist council membership? You can support your professional specialty with the resources and support of one of 21 specialist councils.

Visit the ATA's website for teachers' convention frequently asked questions, [www.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.teachers.ab.ca)  
For Members>Professional Development>Teachers' Conventions

Questions regarding the teachers' convention that you attend should be directed to your convention association.

General questions regarding teachers' conventions should be directed to Patrick Loyer, executive staff officer, Professional Development, the Alberta Teachers' Association. Telephone: 780-447-9467 (in Edmonton); 1-800-232-7208 (toll free in Alberta); email: [patrick.loyer@ata.ab.ca](mailto:patrick.loyer@ata.ab.ca).



**Alberta School Library Council**  
Will not be hosting a conference in 2016  
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Website: [www.aslc.ca](http://www.aslc.ca)

**Career and Technology Studies**  
Date: November 12-14, 2015  
Location: Sawridge Inn & Convention Centre, Father Mercredi High School Science & Technology Centre and Keyano College, Fort McMurray  
Theme: CTF-CTS: Foundations for the Future  
Contact: Tim Kilburn  
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Email: [conferencedirector2015@ctscouncil.com](mailto:conferencedirector2015@ctscouncil.com)  
Website: <http://ctscouncil.com>

**Conferences**  
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**Le Conseil français**  
Date: February 4-5, 2016 (during NCTCA Convention)  
Location: Shaw Conference Centre, Edmonton  
Contact: Simon Pagé  
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Website: <http://cf.teachers.ab.ca>; [www.mynctca.com](http://www.mynctca.com)

**Council for Inclusive Education**  
Date: October 15-17, 2015  
Location: Fantasyland Hotel, Edmonton  
Theme: Celebrating the Challenges  
Contact: Carol Knott  
Email: [cieconference2015@gmail.com](mailto:cieconference2015@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://celebratingthechallenges.ca>  
Blogspot: [www.celebratingthechallenges.blogspot.com](http://www.celebratingthechallenges.blogspot.com)

**Council for School Leadership**  
Date: April 24-27, 2016  
Location: Banff Springs Hotel  
Theme: uLead 2016 - The Summit of Educational Leadership - Building New Narratives for Education in Our Century  
Contact: Jeff Johnson  
Email: [uleadconference@icloud.com](mailto:uleadconference@icloud.com)  
Website: [ulead.ca](http://ulead.ca)

**Early Childhood Education Council**  
Date: November 5-7, 2015  
Location: Delta Lodge, Kananaskis  
Theme: Counting Towards the Future  
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Contact 2: Monique or Kate  
Email: [eceregistration@hotmail.com](mailto:eceregistration@hotmail.com)  
Website: <http://ecec.teachers.ab.ca>

**Educational Technology Council**  
Date: March 11-13, 2016  
Contact: Gerald Logan  
Email: [glogan@me.com](mailto:glogan@me.com)  
Website: <http://www.etcata.ca>

**Workshops**

**English as a Second Language Council**  
Date: October 29-30, 2015  
Location: Delta Lodge, Kananaskis  
Theme: My Language ... My Endless Horizon  
Contact: Rabih El-Masri  
Email: [rmasr@shaw.ca](mailto:rmasr@shaw.ca)  
Website: [www.eslcata.com/conference](http://www.eslcata.com/conference)

**English Language Arts Council**  
Date: October 23-25, 2015  
Location: DoubleTree by Hilton, Edmonton  
Theme: Connecting Through Creativity  
Contact 1: Chandra Hildebrand  
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Website: <http://elacata.ca>

**Fine Arts Council**  
Date: October 22-24, 2015  
Location: Radisson Hotel and Conference Centre, Canmore  
Theme: Refresh, Renew, Rejuvenate A Mind for Creativity  
Contact: David Fettes  
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Website: <http://fac.teachers.ab.ca>

**First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Council**  
Date: November 20-21, 2015  
Location: Deerfoot Inn, Calgary  
Theme: Soaring with Knowledge  
Contact: Patrick Loyer  
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Email: [partick.loyer@ata.ab.ca](mailto:partick.loyer@ata.ab.ca)  
Website: <http://fnmiec.teachers.ab.ca>

**Global, Environmental & Outdoor Education Council**  
Date: October 15-17, 2015  
Location: Coast Hotel and Conference Centre, Canmore  
Theme: Earth Matters  
Email: [conference@abcee.org](mailto:conference@abcee.org)  
Website: [www.abcee.org/conference](http://www.abcee.org/conference)

**Guidance Council (Calgary Regional)**  
Date: November 21, 2015  
Location: Rocky View Schools Education Centre, Airdrie  
Theme: Voices of Counselling: Creating Connections  
Contact: Jennifer McIntee-Leinweber  
Email: [jennifer.mcintee-leinweber@cssd.ab.ca](mailto:jennifer.mcintee-leinweber@cssd.ab.ca)  
Website: [www.guidancecouncil.ca](http://www.guidancecouncil.ca)

**Health and Physical Education Council**  
Date: May 12-14, 2016  
Location: Grande Prairie College  
Theme: True, North, Strong and Active!  
Contact 1: Neil Ashworth  
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Contact 2: Andrew Boylan  
Telephone: 780-512-8874  
Email: [andrew.boylan@gppsd.ab.ca](mailto:andrew.boylan@gppsd.ab.ca)  
Website: <http://hpec.ab.ca>

**Mathematics Council\***  
Date: October 23-24, 2015  
Location: Fantasyland Hotel, Edmonton  
Theme: Geeks Unite  
Contact: Daryl Chichak  
Email: [mathguy@shaw.ca](mailto:mathguy@shaw.ca)  
Website: [www.mathteachers.ab.ca](http://www.mathteachers.ab.ca)

**Middle Years Council**  
Date: April 21-23, 2016  
Location: Red Deer  
Theme: Back to the Future - Reinvesting in the Middle Years  
Contact 1: Shonna Burkard  
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Email: [tracy.carrier@rdpsd.ab.ca](mailto:tracy.carrier@rdpsd.ab.ca)  
Website: <http://myc.teachers.ab.ca>

**Outreach Education Council**  
Date: October 1-3, 2015  
Location: Edmonton Marriott at River Cree Resort, Enoch, Alberta  
Theme: Making the Impossible Possible  
Contact: Antonette Wilson  
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Website: <http://oec.teachers.ab.ca>

**North Central Teachers' Convention**  
Date: February 4-5, 2016  
Location: Shaw Conference Centre, Edmonton  
Theme: Ignite, Inquire, Innovate, Inspire (Initier, s'Informer, Innover, Inspirer)  
Contact: Annie Drapeau, President  
E-mail: [president@nctca.ab.ca](mailto:president@nctca.ab.ca)

**Northeast Teachers' Convention**  
Date: February 11-12, 2016  
Location: Doubletree by Hilton, Edmonton  
Theme: Get with the Program: Be a Game Changer  
Contact: Shirley Eggenschwiler, president  
Email: [eggenschwiler\\_44@hotmail.com](mailto:eggenschwiler_44@hotmail.com)  
Website: <http://netca.teachers.ab.ca>

**Teachers' Conventions**

**Religious and Moral Education Council**  
Date: October 16-17, 2015  
Location: Rimrock Resort Hotel, Banff  
Theme: The Spirit Is Calling  
Contact: Ron Baier  
Email: [ronb@cable.lynx.net](mailto:ronb@cable.lynx.net)  
Website: <http://rmec.teachers.ab.ca>

**Calgary City Teachers' Convention**  
Date: February 11-12, 2016  
Location: Telus Convention Centre, Hyatt Regency Hotel and off-site venues  
Program Highlights: Poet Shane Koyczan, assessment expert Alfie Kohn, Bob Rae on Truth and Reconciliation calls to action, plus working panels on Addressing Poverty as the Curriculum Reform That Matters Most, The Promise and Perils of Technology, and Making Schools More Welcoming for LGBTQ Students and Staff. This year will also feature an on-site makerspace and the opportunity for teachers to book pop-up PD sessions by booking meeting room spaces in the Hyatt during convention.  
Contact: Dan Grassick, executive assistant  
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Website: [www.ctca.com](http://www.ctca.com)

**South Western Alberta Teachers' Convention**  
Date: February 18-19, 2016  
Location: University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge  
Contact: Leslie Wolowidnyk-Vogel, president  
Email: [leslie.wolow@gmail.com](mailto:leslie.wolow@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.swatca.ca](http://www.swatca.ca)

**Southeastern Alberta Teachers' Convention**  
Date: February 18-19, 2016  
Location: Medicine Hat College, Medicine Hat  
Theme: Inspiring Learning, Shaping the Future  
Contact: Tim Johnson, president  
Email: [tim.johnson@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:tim.johnson@sd76.ab.ca)  
Website: [www.seatca.ca](http://www.seatca.ca)

**Science Council\***  
Date: October 23-24, 2015  
Location: Fantasyland Hotel, Edmonton  
Theme: Geeks Unite  
Contact: Trinity Ayers  
Telephone: 403-500-2850  
Email: [ayres@shaw.ca](mailto:ayres@shaw.ca)  
Website: <http://sc.teachers.ab.ca>

**Central Alberta Teachers' Convention**  
Date: February 18-19, 2016  
Location: Red Deer College, Red Deer  
Contact: David Martin, president  
Email: [teacher.david.martin@gmail.com](mailto:teacher.david.martin@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.mycatca.com](http://www.mycatca.com)

**Palliser District Teachers' Convention**  
Date: February 18-19, 2016  
Location: Telus Convention Centre and Hyatt Regency Hotel, Calgary  
Contact: Jordan Fenton, president  
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Website: [www.palliserconvention.org](http://www.palliserconvention.org)

**South Western Alberta Teachers' Convention**  
Date: February 18-19, 2016  
Location: University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge  
Contact: Leslie Wolowidnyk-Vogel, president  
Email: [leslie.wolow@gmail.com](mailto:leslie.wolow@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.swatca.ca](http://www.swatca.ca)

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Website: [www.seatca.ca](http://www.seatca.ca)

**Second Languages and Intercultural Council**  
Date: November 24, 2015  
Location: MacEwan University, Edmonton  
Website: <http://slc.teachers.ab.ca>

**Social Studies Council**  
Will not be hosting a conference in 2015  
Website: [www.atasocialstudies.ca](http://www.atasocialstudies.ca)

**Greater Edmonton Teachers' Convention**  
Date: February 25-26, 2016  
Location: Shaw Conference Centre and Westin Hotel, Edmonton  
Contact: Tabatha Hart, president  
Email: [president@getca.com](mailto:president@getca.com)  
Website: [www.getca.com](http://www.getca.com)

**Mighty Peace Teachers' Convention**  
Date: March 3-4, 2016  
Location: Grande Prairie Composite High School (Convention Office)  
Theme: Mindful Learning  
Keynotes: Tyler Durman (opening), Eric Litwin (closing)  
Contact: Julie Gummesen, president  
Email: [edge@abnorth.com](mailto:edge@abnorth.com)  
Website: <http://mptca.teachers.ab.ca>

**Central East Alberta Teachers' Convention**  
Date: March 10-11, 2016  
Location: Shaw Conference Centre, Edmonton  
Theme: Now Trending  
Keynotes: George Courros - Create, Innovate and Voice; Vince Gowman - Let the Fire Burn - Nurturing the Creative Spirit of Children  
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\*Will be hosting a joint conference