



# Calgary Catholic Teachers Mentorship Program



## FOR TEACHERS NEW and NEW-ISH TO THE TEACHING PROFESSION

As teachers reflect on the beginning of their teaching careers, they often think of one colleague who helped support them with planning, assessment, shared their resources or coached them. To help support and formalize those relationships, ATA Local #55 sponsor the Teacher Mentorship Program to provide guest teacher time for each mentorship team.

### What is the Mentorship Program?

Mentoring is a purposeful, voluntary collaboration between two teachers. The program provides timely and relevant assistance to new teachers, in a supportive and nurturing environment, in their respective schools.

### Who are the participants in the mentorship program?

- Mentors are current classroom teachers with a minimum of 5 years teaching experience
- Protégés are teachers who are preferably entering their first, second, or third year of teaching in the classroom and wish to be included in the Mentorship Program.

### What is the requirement?

Both the beginning teacher and the mentor teacher must commit to three after school sessions (please check your calendars), and together, provide an account of the activities for which the release days were used.

The dates, locations and topics of the 3 required sessions are as follows: (All sessions will be virtual until further notice. Links will be sent out the week before the session)

- Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 5 – 6:00 PM Online o Introduction and supports on how to develop and forge a successful mentoring partnership.
  - o Two concurrent sessions: Teams will be divided into two groups to dig deeper into their role in the mentorship program.
- Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 5 – 6:00 PM – Online o Concurrent Sessions that Mentor/Protégée can choose from to best support their professional learning needs - Session titles TBD
- Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 5 – 6:00 PM Online o Mentorship Program Wrap-up – Celebrations, Challenges and Next Steps

### What are the Benefits?

Usually each participant (mentor and Protégé) will have access to 1 ½ Guest Teacher days (Three days TOTAL PER TEAM). However, this year due to the current situation we may not have access to as many GT's as usual due to the need for personal health leaves. Please be aware you may request these days and they may not be granted.

These days may be taken as full days or half days. You and your mentor partner will have discretion as to how these days will be used, provided they are spent working together, or on activities that further professional practice to enhance student learning. These activities must take place within Calgary, Alberta.

They may include activities that:

- Enable new teachers to learn, grow and share in a supportive collaborative school culture

- Provide an opportunity for mentors to share knowledge and experience, and take on a leadership role
- Offer new teachers fresh perspectives and ideas
- Allow opportunities to reflect on teaching practice
- Increase professional growth through collaboration
- Enhance teaching practice
- Building LSP's, Medical Safety Plans and Progress report writing.

**All Guest Teacher days MUST be used by May 31, 2021**

Please complete the form using the link below (you may have to copy and paste the link into your browser).

<https://forms.gle/oXQWfHZQMBfikiGH9>

Should this event be over-subscribed, final registration will be determined by a random draw and winners will be advised by October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**Registration Deadline: Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.**

## **ATA/CSSD MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**

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