



## **QUEST STUDENT VOICE WEDNESDAY WORKSHOP PROPOSAL FORM**

**THE YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD presents...**

**The Quest for Increased Student Achievement and Well Being:  
Realizing Equitable, Inclusive and Engaging Schools**

**“Because I Belong...”**

**Wednesday, November 14, 2012  
Sheraton Parkway Hotel and Conference Centre  
Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada**

Quest Student Voice Wednesday Workshop Proposal Forms are due by Friday, March 16th, 2012 and email completed form to Dean Bodkin, Quest Design and Delivery Leader at [dean.bodkin@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:dean.bodkin@yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

Quest is a world-renowned educational conference designed and delivered by the York Region District School Board in Ontario, Canada.

Quest workshops will of course be based on theory and research, however for Quest 2012 all workshops must have a higher focus on successful practices or implementation of strategies that directly reduce or remove barriers to equity, inclusion and promote well-being.

Locally, nationally and internationally school districts are on similar journeys to that of the York Region District School Board. Your workshop, if selected, will assist participants to understand, identify and eliminate the biases, barriers and power dynamics that limit student prospects for learning and growing and fully contributing to society.

We are looking for workshop presentations that:

1. **Build a deeper understanding of what it means to ensure equity, inclusion and well-being in education.**
2. **Incorporate the power of student voice and engagement as key elements of successful student learning.**
3. **Explore strategies to increase student achievement through:**
  - **building social, emotional and academic learning skills for success**
  - **building from a foundation of student assets at home, in the community and at school in order to strengthen each student's sense of belonging and engagement in their learning community**
  - **including student voice in the design and construction of equitable and inclusive learning communities that support each student**
  - **calling upon diverse partners in education to create a support community for all learners in a manner that explicitly values the goals of equity, inclusion and well-being**

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Your Wednesday Workshop Proposal Form must clearly indicate how students will be involved directly in co-planning and co-delivering the presentation either in person (preferred) or electronically (i.e. video etc.).

Please complete the entire Wednesday Workshop Proposal Form carefully.

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### **SECTION A: QUEST EXPENSES (understand this well!)**

1. Quest will cover the costs for only the Key Presenter and one Co-Presenter (2 presenters in total). Additional presenters will not be recognized in the Quest Program and must register. There is one caveat to this. In addition to the two presenters the workshop must also include the 'student voice'. This will be done primarily by including up to 5 students in the presentation team, or alternatively through the use of technology. There is no charge for these students however exact numbers are required to facilitate other aspects of the Quest planning process.

In summary the day of your presentation includes registration for the 2 presenters. Additional days require a registration payment.

2. Quest will cover the transportation costs for travel beyond 100 km. from the Sheraton Parkway Conference location at a rate of \$.40 per km. Double up where possible. Air transportation if required will be economy/coach only. The Quest Travel Agency will book ALL required flights, no exceptions. For travel beyond 100 km. accommodation will be provided in the Best Western Hotel (attached to the Sheraton Parkway) for the night prior to your workshop presentation. Additional nights must be approved by Dean Bodkin, Quest Delivery and Design Leader. Where possible doubles will be assigned to presenter teams.

### **SECTION B: WORKSHOP INFORMATION**

Please indicate which of the workshop formats you are making a proposal for:

1. Equity/Inclusivity Barriers Please identify the systemic or other barrier(s) that are addressed in your workshop (you may be addressing more than one):

Age	Ancestry	Culture
Ethnicity	Gender	Gender Identity
Intellectual Ability	Language	Physical Ability
Power and Privilege	Religion	Race
Sexual Orientation	Socio-Economic Status	

**2. Title** This is the title as it will appear in the Quest Program. Your wording should be concise yet descriptive of the presentation. It should attract participants along with your full description of the Workshop.

**3. Intended Audience** Please identify the audience(s) that your workshop addresses (you may be addressing more than 1):

All registrants

Students

Elementary School educator

Secondary School educator

Supervisory Officers

Ministry/Government staff

School Trustee/Elected Official

Community member/Parent

Other (please identify)

**4. Workshop Description** This description (50 words or less) will be the exact description that will appear in the Quest Program. You need to be explicit about your workshop in ways that will attract participants.

5. **Additional Information** Share how you will include opportunities for participants at your workshop to dialogue about the action they may consider when returning to their individual educator responsibilities. Your fine workshop without action is just a fine workshop.

**ONLY THOSE SUCCESSFUL WORKSHOPS WILL BE CONTACTED BY MID-APRIL.** Decisions will be based on your submission, and our need to ensure a balanced program related to the barriers identified in the Quest 2012 Student Voice Workshop Proposal.

**SECTION C: KEY PRESENTER AND CO-PRESENTER INFORMATION**

**Presenter Information: Please provide information for both key and co-presenters below:**

<b>Key Presenter:</b>	<b>Co-Presenter:</b>
<b>Job Title:</b>	<b>Job Title:</b>
<b>Employer's name:</b>	<b>Employer's name:</b>
<b>Email:</b>	<b>Email:</b>
<b>Phone #:</b>	<b>Phone #:</b>

**Number of Student Presenters: (not more than 5)**

**One            Two            Three            Four            Five**

**SECTION D: AND FINALLY...**

We are thrilled that you are interested in joining the Quest Presenter Team at our Quest 2012 Conference. We are proud that Quest attracts world-class international and local presenters and that more importantly together we are improving student achievement and well-being as a result.

If you have any questions, or require additional information please contact Dean Bodkin at [dean.bodkin@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:dean.bodkin@yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

The Quest continues...