

Dear Professional Development Chairs,

I want to thank everyone for their support on our last KTTA PD day. It feels like it was just yesterday and here we are getting ready for the next School-Based Professional Development day on May 15th. You probably have some questions about how this will occur for members learning from their online work locations.

Schools throughout our district have either planned something that will continue to be relevant or may need to revisit their PD day plans. Some schools had planned to have speakers come to their school and are not able to do so on May 15th. Other locations may be able to host the speaker in an online format. Plans have the potential to continue as planned but will be held by Zoom or other meeting platforms.

If needed, I would suggest a survey or questions posed to staff about their needs at this time if needs or plans have changed since you had originally organized the day. It may also be helpful to send out a PD google doc/sheet to identify Members' PD plans for May 15th and/or host a School PD meeting to review the plans of people at your school.

Options for members will need to reflect our virtual reality. Your school's PD goals can be reviewed to identify the direction of the day. I have left the KTTA PD Day options on the website in case people are interested in continuing with any work they started on KTTA PD day. Individuals may be interested in options like the CBC Massey Lectures with Tanya Talaga, TC2, or the topics SD 73 Coordinators hosted previously. Another option is that people could, perhaps, start thinking about the transition back to class in terms of what technology or approaches they will keep when return is possible. Are there any other forms of technology that may work well that teachers would like to explore for use in the future? Additional considerations may be related to our students. Are students presenting needs that teachers have identified as being important to learn more about? Is our current health and safety situation requiring professional development? If you had a presenter booked and they are not able to present online, could the theme of the workshop be explored through online webinars? Perhaps there are people on staff that are interested in sharing something that is working for them over small zoom group sessions or having additional collaboration time with peers. Individuals may also be interested in taking online courses. A School-Based day should reflect the goals identified at the beginning of the year from your Needs Assessment survey, whenever possible.

Staff will be required to identify what they are going to be doing for professional development on May 15th as we would do with every other School-Based PD.

If people express an interest in taking an online course with fees attached, please remember to use School PD funds. If funds are already used, they may access KTTA Initiative funds through our office.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.  
Have a wonderful day!

Respectfully,  
Shar Marican  
KTTA PD Chair