



E-Blast

The EAA is thrilled to announce an upcoming professional development opportunity in partnership with **Empower ABA: Behaviour Services & Supports**. This workshop is intended for Educational Assistants supporting students in grades 1–3.

At Empower ABA: Behaviour Services & Supports, we are passionate about strengthening the network around neurodiverse individuals. In particular, we are committed to equipping direct support staff with practical strategies and tools that support student success—while also prioritizing your own well-being.



Expanding Your Toolbox for Supporting Early Learners

Professional development session for supporting students in grades 1-3

Direct support staff play a key role in supporting academic, social, and emotional development.

This session is designed to support you in your role and build on your existing strategies.

Topics could include: *strategies to support your students, emotional regulation, behaviour management, student autonomy & assent, self-care & burnout*

🌟 We want to hear from you! 🌟

Your input and experiences will guide the focus of our session.

Google Form



<https://bit.ly/PDInputForm>

Virtual Session

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2026

Time: 8:30-9:00am



<https://bit.ly/VirtualInput>

Complete the form **or** join a short virtual feedback session to share what would be most helpful for you.

Professional Development Session

🌟 Register: <https://bit.ly/PDRegistry> 🌟

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2026

Time: 9:30-11:30am

Location: The Family Centre, Kitchener

Facilitated by Empower ABA: Behaviour Services & Supports



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In partnership with WRDSB EA Association



First Come First Serve - Register Early
Don't miss out on this amazing PD opportunity!

In person training location:
The Family Centre
65 Hanson Ave
Kitchener, ON

Session topics could include:

- Strategies to support your students
- Emotional regulation
- Behaviour support
- Student autonomy and assent

We want to hear from YOU!

Your experiences and insights will help shape the focus of this session, ensuring it is meaningful, relevant, and responsive to your needs. **Please take 3–5 minutes to share your input, so we can tailor this session to your specific needs:**

Share Your Input Here

Registration Form



TONITE!

WRDSB TRUSTEE MEETING

March 30th at 7pm

WRDSB Education Centre

51 Ardelt Avenue, Kitchener, ON

***Wear a red shirt and join us as trustees review classroom evacuation statistics**

AMANDA ROCHELEAU

May 5th 4:45pm

ETFO Office

610 Wabanaki Dr, Kitchener

[In Person Sign Up](#)

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***presentation on compassion fatigue**

Kindly register on the EAA website. This platform has been specifically designed for WRDSB Educational Assistants and Child and Youth Workers. Here, you will find essential information that pertains directly to your role, conveniently located in one location.

Stay in the know, get involved in your union, build solidarity in your school!
Become a Key!

Important Reminder: Update Your Contact Information at <https://ess.wrdsb.ca>

Select “Personal” menu

Choose “Profile”

Open the “Address and Contact” tab

Use the Edit button to update your contact information

Please take a few minutes to review and confirm your information is accurate.

Please continue to file your incident reports — they are very important for keeping our workplaces safe.



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