

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

**21st NATIONAL CONGRESS
ON RURAL EDUCATION IN CANADA**

MARCH 20-22, 2016

TCU Place · Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Imagine

THE POSSIBILITIES...



Important Conversations about Rural Schools

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The central theme *Imagine the Possibilities...* asks delegates to reflect on what is possible in overcoming the obstacles of distance, size and economic uncertainty for schools in rural and remote settings. While facing complex challenges due to diverse and unique needs, rural schools require leadership at all levels to be adaptable, innovative and embrace change. This year, the Rural Congress organizers are seeking presentations that stimulate thinking and facilitate conversations about the possibilities for making rural schools great.

SUB-THEMES

- Together We Are Stronger: Partnerships that Strengthen School Programming;
- Curriculum and Instruction in a Digital Age: Teaching 21st Century Skills;
- Honouring Diversity: Developing a Culture of Acceptance and Understanding;
- Leadership and Governance for Better Schools
- Student Leadership: Developing Self-Directed Students
- Using Technology for Improved Programming and Learning;
- Effective School and Community Councils: Meaningful and Important work;
- Incorporating Aboriginal Culture, Values and Educational Pedagogy into Program Content and Instructional Delivery;
- Social Media for Educational Use and Benefits;
- Effective Early Childhood Programs: Supports for School Success;
- Promoting Mental Health and Social and Emotional Learning
- Recruitment and Retention Strategies: Building Success
- Facilities in Support of 21st Century Learning

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Please complete the **CALL FOR PRESENTATION** and **REGISTRATION FORM** from the Rural Congress Website: <http://www.usask.ca/education/ruraled>

- Submission deadline - **Monday, January 18th, 2016** with notification of acceptance within 2 weeks of proposal submission;
- A copy of your paper or power point presentation is required by **Monday, March 7th, 2016** for inclusion on the Rural Education website;
- Presentation proposal must be submitted electronically; and
- Complete all parts of the Proposal Outline and include information for each presenter. A photograph of the presenter(s) should be submitted following proposal acceptance.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Presenters are encouraged to register as full delegates and will receive a \$100.00 reduction on their registration fee;
- Registration includes: all program sessions, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, banquet and entertainment;
- Program features three keynote addresses and over 60 breakout sessions on topics relevant to rural education

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***Watch for INVITATION TO ATTEND
with full program details and registration information***