

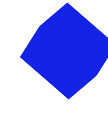
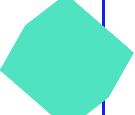
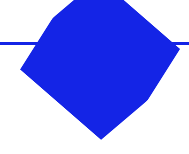
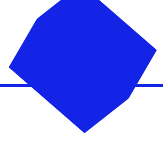
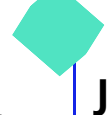
# Afterschool Learning Series

## October 2026

All sessions run from 3:45 - 4:45 p.m. on Microsoft Teams.  
Meeting links and session recordings can be accessed on the [WQSB PD Calendar](#)



indicates that the session will be recorded.

| Date                                                                                                                                                                                 | Topic and Facilitator                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Audience                                                                                                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Oct. 1<br>                                                                                           | <b>Integrating AI into WQSB Classrooms</b><br><br><b>Stuart Gray,</b><br>Education Technology Consultant,<br>WQSB<br>                                                         | Elementary & Secondary                                                                                         | Build the confidence to discuss and integrate artificial intelligence in ways that are pedagogically meaningful, ethical, and aligned with WQSB expectations. Together, we will explore the AI Assessment Scale that is embedded within the WQSB AI Framework, along with practical approaches to assessment design and transparent student use of AI. Participants will leave with concrete resources and a clearer pathway for supporting responsible AI use in their classrooms.                                              |
| Oct. 1<br>                                                                                          | <b>SLP Strategies for the Classroom<br/>Session #1 - Universal Classroom<br/>Strategies and Expanding<br/>Expression Tool (EET)</b><br><br><b>Speech and Language Pathology<br/>Team, WQSB</b>                                                                 | Elementary                  | This first session (of three) will focus on universal language strategies for teachers to implement in the classroom. These are aimed at supporting students' comprehension and expressive language skills, as well as developing students' vocabulary skills. This session will give an overview of the Expanding Expression Tool (EET) - a structured, multisensory language intervention framework designed to improve oral and written expression.                                                                           |
| Oct. 8<br>                                                                                         | <b>Understanding Addition,<br/>Subtraction and Equalities with<br/>Math Manipulatives</b><br><br><b>Jeff Harvey,</b><br>Mathematics Consultant, WQSB<br><br><b>Melissa Russell,</b><br>Mathematics Consultant, WQSB                                            | Elementary Math<br>Cycle 1,2,3 and<br>Secondary Cycle 1                                                        | In this session we will explore natural number operations using manipulatives such as base 10 blocks, 10 frames, and Cuisenaire rods. Participants will get to experiment and plan for upcoming lessons using these manipulatives. A key focus will be on how to intentionally integrate these tools into daily classroom learning                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Oct. 15                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Literacy Starts Here! A fresh look at<br/>literacy in the Pre-School Cycle.</b><br><br><b>Shannon Collins,</b><br>Literacy Consultant,<br>New Frontiers School Board<br> | Pre-K and<br>Kindergarten  | Oral and written language can be nurtured in developmentally appropriate ways within the preschool classroom. During this session, participants will explore a typical day in preschool, considering informal yet intentional ways to embed literacy throughout routines, interactions, play, and learning experiences. Join us along with guest speaker Shannon Collins, NFSB Literacy Consultant and PhD Candidate at Concordia University, as she shares her deep understanding of the Pre-School Cycle program and literacy. |
| Oct. 22                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Powerful Routines in Syntax<br/>Instruction for All Ages</b><br><br><b>Larissa Sansom,</b><br>Literacy Consultant,<br>WQSB                                                                                                                                  | Elementary &<br>Secondary                                                                                      | Originally shared at the annual LCEEQ Literacy Symposium, this interactive session explores what the research says about effective grammar and syntax instruction. Together, we'll dig into best practices and leave with a practical toolkit of five simple strategies you can bring to your classroom tomorrow. Expect evidence-based learning—with a dash of fun along the way!                                                                                                                                               |
| Oct. 22                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>EdTech: Start your year off right<br/>supporting students with Read &amp;<br/>Write</b><br><br><b>Lisa Diner,</b><br>Educational Techonology Consultant,<br>WQSB                                                                                            | Elementary &<br>Secondary                                                                                      | As this extension supports students in reading and writing, we will begin with ensuring all students have access to it, and then start exploring all its features and functions.<br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Oct. 29<br><br> | <b>Understanding Multiplication with<br/>Math Manipulatives</b><br><br><b>Jeff Harvey,</b><br>Mathematics Consultant, WQSB<br><br><b>Melissa Russell,</b><br>Mathematics Consultant, WQSB                                                                      | Elementary<br>Math Cycle 1,2,3 and<br>Secondary Cycle 1                                                        | In this session we will explore multiplication concepts using manipulatives such as base 10 blocks, 2-sided counters, and Cuisenaire rods. Participants will get to experiment and plan for upcoming lessons using these manipulatives. A key focus will be on how to intentionally integrate these tools into daily classroom learning.                                                                                                                                                                                         |