

# LDAO Snapshot

May 2026

## Updates, resources, and connections

### Educators' Institute & Colloque 2026

Registration is now open for this year's Educators' Institute (August 18–19) and the Colloque des professionnels de l'enseignement (August 11–12).

Two pathways for participation:

- **Pathway 1: School Board Participation**  
Ontario educators may be eligible for Ministry-supported access through their school board. Submit an Expression of Interest ([English](#) or [French](#)).
- **Pathway 2: General Registration**  
Individuals not accessing through a board can register directly to participate. ([Educators' Institute – English](#) | [Colloque – French](#)). Paid registration options are available.

Please share this opportunity across your networks and school communities.

### LD@school and TA@l'école

Evidence- and practice-informed resources for educators supporting students with LDs and ADHD.

#### LD@school

- [Transitioning to Post-Secondary: Building Independence and Self-Advocacy](#)  
A curated collection supporting students in building independence and navigating post-secondary transitions
- [These Are My Needs: Fostering Self-Advocacy Skills](#)  
Practical strategies to support self-advocacy development in students with LDs and ADHD
- [Transforming Classrooms: UDL and Assistive Technology](#)  
Supporting inclusive classroom design through Universal Design for Learning and assistive technology

#### TA@l'école

- [Qu'est-ce que l'inclusion?](#)  
A curated collection of evidence- and practice-informed resources supporting inclusive classroom practices and student learning across a range of contexts

### Across the LDA Community

#### Chapters in Action

- **7th Annual LDA Parent Conference**  
May 20, 2026, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Via Zoom  
  
Led by LDA York-Simcoe, and partner chapters, this virtual event brings together families and experts to explore topics such as executive functioning, advocacy, and supporting students with LDs and ADHD.  
  
LDAO recognizes and appreciates the ongoing work of independent LDA chapters across Ontario in supporting students with LDs and ADHD, and their families and communities.

Learn more and register through your local LDA chapter or via the [event page](#).

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## Programs, learning, and system connections

### LD@learning

Professional learning opportunities for educators, support staff, families, and professionals supporting individuals with LDs and ADHD.

#### **Partnering with Schools for Student Success: Effective Parent Advocacy**

- A 7-week online course beginning May 11 focused on strengthening school–family collaboration and supporting student success. Registration remains open through the first weeks of the course.

#### **LDs and ADHD 101: Foundations for Supporting Learning and Success**

- An introductory course providing foundational knowledge on learning disabilities and ADHD, including key concepts, strategies, and supports.

Additional learning opportunities, including a new reading-focused course, will be shared in upcoming updates.

Explore courses at [LD@learning](#)

### From the LDAO SEAC Circular

As highlighted in the April 2026 LDAO SEAC Circular:

- **Special education budget planning and timelines**  
Current planning processes highlight the importance of early and ongoing engagement to support alignment between funding decisions and student needs, including identifying priorities, monitoring supports over time, and using resources effectively.
- **Access to timely supports and assessments**  
Ongoing efforts to support access to Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions and professional assessments highlight the importance of timely and responsive supports.
- **IEPs and the increasing use of ISPs**  
Ongoing use of both IEPs and ISPs highlights the importance of clarity, consistency, and alignment in supporting student learning.

Explore [LDAO SEAC Circulars](#) for key updates and considerations.

### Opportunities and Updates

- **Roy Cooper Memorial Scholarship**  
Applications are now open for students with learning disabilities pursuing post-secondary education. Apply through your local LDA chapter, or through LDAO if a local chapter is not available.  
  
Learn more about the \$1,000 [Roy Cooper Memorial Scholarship](#) and how to apply.
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