

# PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS 2016

Grand Region – Friday, February 12, 2016  
North Toronto Region – Friday, April 8, 2016  
Durham Region – Friday, April 15, 2016  
Seaway Region – Friday, April 22, 2016  
Bluewater Region – Friday, April 29, 2016

Cost: \$50 for Edifide Members / \$80 for non-members



## Teacher as Designer

The Professional Learning days for the Spring, 2016 are opportunities for in-depth dialogue with grade groups on what is important, authentic, real and necessary in learning. Our focus is on “Teacher as Designer” and the questions that emerge are:

How do I create good design?

What are the elements of designing beautiful learning?

What do we need to do more of and what do we need to do less of?

As introduced in previous PD opportunities, Ron Berger in his book, *An Ethic of Excellence* says...

“Most students are caught on school treadmills that focus on *quantity* of work rather than *quality* of work. Students crank out endless final products every day and night. Teachers *correct* volumes of such low-quality work; it’s returned to the students and often tossed in the wastebasket.”

Lead teachers in each of the groups will be asked to facilitate the dialogue of the day.

The discussion will follow a protocol of the following areas of discussion. Teachers will be asked to share their ideas and “wonderings” on:

1. Beautiful Work
  - a) Use of Models-Student and Cultural
  - b) Experts
  - c) Attitudes of High Quality Student work-Craftsmanship; Complexity and Authenticity
2. Creation/Culture and the Biblical Story: Classroom Culture/
  - a) What culture do you wish to create in your classroom?
  - b) What practices do you use/utilize to create that culture
  - c) What impact does focus on creation have on your class
3. Mastery of Knowledge and Skills
  - a) Learning Targets/Goals
  - b) Differentiation-RTI-Supporting all Learners
  - c) Ministry Expectations
  - d) Assessment
4. Character Development
  - a) Growth Mindset
  - b) Fruit of the Spirit
  - c) Habits of a Graduate/School Wide Character Traits

