



ARES 2025: Ensuring Equitable Outcomes for Rural Students

Facilitator(s):	Minister of Education, Demetrios Nicolaides, Dr. Clint Moroziuk, CASS President, Dr. Joel Westheimer, Dr. Carla Johnson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Curriculum & Career Education, Stefan Rutkowski, Careers, Dr. Donna Feledichuk, Portage College, Dr. Debbie Pushor, Dr. Pieter de Vos, Dr. Alec Couros, Daryl Scott
Date(s):	<i>This is a multi-day event.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Day 1: Mar 02, 2025 (6:30 pm to 10:00 pm)• Day 2: Mar 03, 2025 (8:30 am to 4:00 pm)• Day 3: Mar 04, 2025 (8:30 am to 12:00 pm)
Cost:	
Location:	River Cree Resort & Casino (Enoch AB) 300 East Lapotac Boulevard
Session Code:	25-OT-042-CARC

Target Audience

Leaders, Administration

About this Learning Opportunity

Welcome to the 2025 Alberta Rural Education Symposium, an enriching three-day event taking place from March 2nd to March 4th at the River Cree Casino and Resort. Under the guiding theme of "Ensuring Equitable Outcomes for Rural Students," our symposium aims to explore the critical facets of governance and leadership within the context of rural education.

Sunday, March 2

5:00 - 6:30 Registration

6:30 – 7:00 Opening Address - Michael Borgfjord

7:00 - 8:30 Evening with the Minister of Education - hosted by Dr. Clint Moroziuk, CASS President

8:30 – 10:00 Reception (no host bar)

Monday, March 3

7:45 - 8:30 Breakfast and registration

8:30 - 8:45 Opening Address - Michael Borgfjord

8:45 - 10:15 Education that Matters for the Students We Teach - Dr. Joel Westheimer

About the Facilitator(s)



10:15 - 10:45 Coffee and Networking

10:45 - 12:00 Forging Career Pathways - Dr. Carla Johnson,
Stefan Rutkowski, Dr. Donna Feledichuk

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00- 3:30 Transformational Family and Community
Engagement: A Means to Equitable Outcomes - Dr. Debbie
Pushor

3:30 – 4:00 Pulling it all together - Dr. Pieter de Vos

Tuesday, March 4

7:45 - 8:30 Breakfast

8:30 - 8:45 Opening Comments - Michael Borgfjord

8:45 - 10:30 Generative AI and the Changing Landscape of
Education - Dr. Alec Couros

10:30 - 10:45 Coffee and Networking

10:45 - 11:45 Trustee Panel Discussion - Dr. Pieter de Vos,
Daryl Scott,

11:45 - 12 Closing Address - Michael Borgfjord

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch