



Subject to revisions

Alberta Rural Education Symposium

Sunday, March 01, 2026

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Registration
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Opening Address
7:00 pm - 8:45 pm	Board Chair and System Leader Panel
8:45 pm - 10:00 pm	Reception with MLAs - No Host Bar

Monday, March 02, 2026

7:45 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast and Registration
8:30 am - 8:45 am	Opening Address - Michael Borgfjord
8:45 am - 10:00 am	Education that Matters for the Students We Teach - Dr. Kevin Lamoureux
10:00 am - 10:15 am	Coffee and Networking
10:15 am - 11:15 am	Mini-Panel: Truth and Reconciliation, Place Based Learning-sharing discussion - Cal Johnson, Debbie Mineault, Michael Swampy
11:15 am - 12:00 pm	Setting the Stage: System Pressures, Shared Responsibility and Opportunities for Rural Schools - Patrick Rivard
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Addressing Complex Needs and Challenges through Community Partnerships - Patrick Rivard
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Table Talk
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Addressing Complex Needs and Challenges through Community Partnerships cont'd - Patrick Rivard
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Division Sharing
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Wrap-Up - Patrick Rivard
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Entertainment

Tuesday, March 03, 2026

7:45 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Opening Comments - Michael Borgfjord
9:00 am - 10:45 am	Panel: Dual Credits/Collegiate Programming - Kevin Van Lagen, Brennan McDonald, Mark Owens, Sean Loughheed, and Justin Klaassen
10:45 am - 11:00 am	Coffee and Networking
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	System Wellness from a Division Point of View with a Rural Context - Steven Langer
12:00 pm - 12:15 pm	Closing Address - Michael Borgfjord
12:15 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch