

## Shaping the Future 2020 Pre-Conference Session

Wednesday, January 29, 2020 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

\$199.00 + GST. Registration: [everactive.org/stf/](https://everactive.org/stf/)

### BEING STRONGER TOGETHER: BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

**Description:** The healthy development of children and youth able to thrive within today's complex world requires future-ready community leaders who see the value in using a comprehensive school health framework to support the whole child. That framework ultimately will require "more school in the community, and more community in the school" as well as leaders able to drive the multi-sectoral collaboration that results in larger scale innovation and transformative change. Understanding exactly what that means in terms of the required future-ready competencies, process, and resources will be essential. Additionally, it will need school and community leaders able to think from a systems perspective that will ensure schools serve as community hubs where all have opportunities to achieve their potential - before, during, and after school. Schools as community hubs will maximize schools as part of healthy communities by serving as a gathering place and an access point for a wide range of community activities, programs, services and events.

**Upon completion of this pre conference learning session, participants will be better able to:**

1. Embrace the importance of future-ready leadership.
2. Prioritize student well-being by serving as a champion for healthy schools and healthy communities.
3. Demystify the how-to's required for good partnerships (ranging from joint use agreements to collective impact and transformative change).

#### **Target Audience:**

- School trustees, elected municipal leaders, and school and community leaders committed to increasing partnerships between schools and community.
- Community leaders pursuing practical strategies for strengthening multi-sectoral collaboration and transformative change.
- School leaders seeking a learning opportunity that aligns with a number of the competencies identified within the recently released Alberta's Leadership Quality Standard.

*NOTE: This event will provide a deeper learning opportunity for School Trustees, Elected Officials, Band Councillors, Senior Staff, Funders, and Citizen Volunteers. If possible, leadership representing a community (municipality) and school jurisdiction attending together would be ideal. If there is interest, additional online learning and coaching opportunities will be available to support leaders following the pre-conference*

#### **Facilitator: BRENDA HERCHMER**

Brenda Herchmer is a passionate community builder and owner of Grassroots Enterprises and a social enterprise called Campus for Communities of the Future. Brenda's primary focus is simplifying complex change for emerging and seasoned community leaders through the provision of practical coaching, speaking, tools and training. She is also an avid blogger and the author of three books. She has worked previously for Alberta Recreation and Parks Association as the Director of ACE Communities (Active, Creative and Engaged Communities), the city of Niagara Falls, and as a Professor and Director of the Centre for Community Leadership at Niagara College. Brenda is a YWCA Woman of Distinction in Training and Education and won the 2017 Brock University Applied Sciences Distinguished Graduate Award.