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Supporting Students with Assistive Technology at School and at Home

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

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Assistive Technology can provide students with the tools to independently complete homework and assignments. This workshop will review the board and Ministry licensed assistive technology software available in TDSB schools and for home use to support special education needs of students. The focus will be on assistive technology software that students can utilize to support their reading, writing, research, organization and study skills (e.g., Read and Write Gold, Clicker 6, Speech to Text options, Boardmaker).

Resources

TDSB Website – Assistive Technology

www.tdsb.on.ca/ElementarySchool/SpecialEducation/AssistiveTechnology.aspx

Youtube Channel – Tech and Special Ed

www.youtube.com/user/TechandSpecialEd

Presenters

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Christine is a 19 year veteran teacher who has worked as a Special Education Consultant with the Special Education Amount (SEA) Assistive Technology Team for eight years. She is strongly committed to differentiated instruction through the use of assistive technology to meet the diverse learning needs of our students.

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Waheeda has a Masters in Special Education and has spent most of her 20 years with TDSB supporting students with special needs. In her current role as Special Education Consultant in TDSB West Region, she has observed how assistive technology can increase student achievement and well-being.

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Marla has worked with students and teachers from K-12 in regular classes, Resource Program, Special Education classes, and in the school library. Using technology to support learning and enable students to express their ideas has been a source of excitement, challenge and, of course, occasional frustration.