

# Parents as Partners Conference

Workshop Session: C17

Room: 206A

## Optimizing Computer Technology Use for your Child at Home

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

This workshop will help parents support their child with the use of computer technology. Participants will explore some of the features of the TDSB Virtual Library, YouTube and some Google Apps for Education. This is a hands-on session, and participants should bring their own device. TDSB Virtual Library, Google Apps for Education, YouTube.

### **Julia Carter**

Special Education Consultant

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With over 25 years of teaching experience, Julia is fully aware of the challenges faced by families to support their child(ren). In her role as a TDSB Special Education Consultant, she advocates for children and families at all levels. Having a daughter with special needs, she brings an authentic background to the role and understands the power of technology in supporting student learning.

### **Melissa Berger**

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Melissa Berger is a Special Education Consultant for the Toronto District School Board. She has a passion for learning new ways to engage students in their learning. She has found that the power of using assistive technology can really open up the endless learning potential for students. She has been part of several collaborative projects with the Special Education Allotment (SEA) Department in order to develop and implement lessons that support differentiated instruction and Universal Design for Learning in order to build capacity with teachers across the Toronto District School Board. She continues to depend on her three children to keep her up to date with the latest and greatest in computer technology and programs.