

## EVENT SCHEDULE

## 2026 Healthy Schools Summit

April 29-30 | Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre | Vancouver, BC



Opening Address

**Melanie Davis**CEO/ED  
PHE Canada

Happy Schools Address

**Sonia Guerriero**Global Lead on the  
Happy Schools Initiative  
UNESCO

Closing Address

**Kate Storey**CIHR/PHAC Applied Public  
Health Chair and Professor  
at the University of Alberta

## DAY ONE: APRIL 29

● Junior Ballroom CD ● Junior Ballroom B ● Junior Ballroom A ● Parkville ● Hardy ● Port Alberni

7:00 AM -	Registration at the foyer
7:30 AM -8:30 AM	Morning Refreshments at the foyer
8:45 AM -9:30 AM	● Welcome and Opening Address by Melanie Davis: A Futurist View of Education
9:45 AM - 10:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Sara Kirk, Julia Kontak</b> — “Building Impact Together: Applying a Collective Impact Approach to a School-Community-University Partnership in Nova Scotia, Canada”</li> <li>● <b>Tracy Lockwood, Andrea Haefele</b> — “Closing the Gap: How APPLE Schools Shape Healthier Futures for All”</li> <li>● <b>Dr. Teena Starlight</b> — “Decolonizing School Wellness: The Synergy of Peer-Mentorship and Essential Conditions in Indigenous Education”</li> <li>● <b>Bryan Heal, Marika Warner</b> — “Youth First Always: What Inclusive Physical Activity And School Sport Programming Looks, Sounds And Feels Like From The Perspective Of Students Across Ontario”</li> </ul>
10:40 AM - 11:25 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Hasina Samji</b> — “Threading the Story: Co-Developing a Social Connection Toolkit with Youth”</li> <li>● <b>Leslie Leader, Delia Chan</b> — “Growing Healthy Places: Healthier Kids, Stronger Communities”</li> <li>● <b>Emily Jenkins, Tonje Molyneux</b> — “School-Based Substance Use Prevention, Education, and Intervention: A Multi-Tiered and Developmental Approach”</li> <li>● <b>Mischa Oak</b> — “Inclusion That Works: Transforming Schools for 2S/LGBTQ+ Youth to Benefit Everyone”</li> </ul>
11:40 AM - 12:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Jennifer Donnan, Lisa Bishop</b> — “Drug Education Centered on Youth Decision Empowerment (DECYDE): A Novel Substance Use Harm Reduction and Prevention Strategy”</li> <li>● <b>Seoin Heo</b> — “Race, Gender, and Space in Canadian Secondary PE: A Photovoice and Interview Study with Racialized Female Students”</li> <li>● <b>Tine Parker</b> — “Supporting Students in Creating a Physically Active School with Sports and Other Activities”</li> <li>● <b>Shea Wood</b> — “Building Resilience Through Comprehensive School Health: Mobilizing Protective Strategies for Substance Use Prevention”</li> <li>● <b>Stephanie Cran</b> — “Delivering an Evidence-Based Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program to Youth Living in Remote Communities”</li> </ul>
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch at the foyer
1:35 PM - 2:15 PM	● Plenary Presentation by Sonia Guerriero on Happy Schools - The Nexus of Happiness and Learning
2:25 PM - 3:10 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Hebah Hussaina</b> — “Supporting Greater Vancouver Secondary School Students' Mental Health Through Time Outdoors: A Qualitative Investigation”</li> <li>● <b>Ryan Fahey &amp; Kelsey Fahie</b> — “Student Centered Design in Action”</li> <li>● <b>Rosalin Miles, Chas Desjarlai, Shannon Bredin</b> — “Strengths-Based Approaches: Honouring Ancestry, Family Values, and the Cultural Gifts of Children”</li> <li>● <b>Antony Card, Lori Munro-Sigfridson</b> — “Leadership Training in Health Promoting Schools”</li> </ul>
3:20 PM - 4:05 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Peter Niedre</b> - “For Teachers by Teachers: Connecting the National Coaching Certification Program to Physical Education”</li> <li>● <b>Mark Tremblay</b> — “2025 Position Statement on Active Outdoor Play”</li> <li>● <b>Daniel Stevens, Celenna Ciuro</b> — “Strengthening Safety Through Relationship and Indigenous Ways of Knowing, Being, and Doing”</li> <li>● <b>Megan Brain</b> — “Using Social Emotional Learning as a Vehicle for Whole-School Mental Health Promotion”</li> </ul>
4:15 PM - 5:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Theodora Kapoyannis</b> — “Leaders as Learners: Navigating the Disconnect Between Leadership Practices and Well-Being in Healthy Schools”</li> <li>● <b>Kathleen Lane</b> — “Systemic Enablers: Building a Culture of Wellbeing”</li> <li>● <b>Lori Munro-Sigfridson, Julia Kontak</b> — “Maximizing Impact: System Strategies for Health, Inclusion, and Well-Being in Schools”</li> <li>● <b>Erin Dufour</b> — “Supporting Allies in Brief Conversations Training to Support Students Who Vape”</li> </ul>
6:30 PM -	Evening Social @ Yaletown Brewing Company

## DAY TWO: APRIL 30

6:00 AM - 7:00 AM	Active Start
7:00 AM - 8:15 AM	Morning Refreshments at the foyer
8:15 AM - 9:00 AM	● <b>Colin Harris, Bonnie Schmidt, Tim Giannotti, Megan Zeni</b> — “Thinking Outside Panel: What Becomes Possible When Learning Moves Beyond Four Walls”
9:15 AM - 10:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Lisa Taylor</b> — “Healthy Teachers, Healthy Schools: A Shared Responsibility”</li> <li>● <b>Lauren Sulz</b> — “A Canadian Health Education Strategy”</li> <li>● <b>Sarah Benes</b> — “Becoming: Humanizing Pedagogy &amp; Health Literacy for Liberation, Inclusion &amp; Well-Being”</li> <li>● <b>Alexis Watt, Nicole Zorotheos</b> — “Empowering Heart Safe School Communities: Heart &amp; Stroke’s Educational Programs”</li> </ul>
9:15 AM - 10:00 AM	● Closing Address by Kate Storey: Gallery of Insights

