



Maria Vasanelli

Ms. Vasanelli is the Director of Strategic Initiatives and Professional Learning at Lakehead University Faculty of Education. Ms. Vasanelli's leadership roles have included; Superintendent of Education in the Greater Toronto Area and Superintendent of Education in Thunder Bay. She was an instructor at the Faculty of Education at University of Ontario Institute of Technology and currently teaches Education Law at Lakehead University. Ms. Vasanelli has extensive experience and expertise in education and organizational leadership, labour relations, finance accountability and provides consultation to school boards in regard to these matters.

Ms. Vasanelli is a Lakehead University alumnus. She completed a Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy) and a Bachelor of Education. Ms. Vasanelli went on to complete her Supervisory Officer Qualifications, a Masters in Religious Education at the University of Ottawa, a Masters in Business Administration at Cape Breton University, a one-year certificate program in Aboriginal/Canadian Relations from Confederation College and is currently completing her PhD in education leadership and policy from the joint Lakehead/Brock/Windsor University program.

Ms. Vasanelli has been involved in community organizations and projects. She served as President of the Board for Durham Family Services and currently is on the Board of the Canadian Mental Health Association and volunteers at the Italian Cultural Centre. She also serves on the Thunder Bay Regional Hospital committee for cardiac care.

After living in the Greater Toronto Area for over 20 years, Ms. Vasanelli moved back to her hometown of Thunder Bay and is glad to be serving her community.