

Option 1: Full day of school visits and Bay of Fundy experience

Riverside Consolidated School

Located in Riverside-Albert, Riverside Consolidated School is a K-5 community school that blends a rich educational heritage with an innovative approach to student learning and well-being. Visitors will learn about our work to improve student achievement, attendance, engagement, and belonging through strong school-community partnerships and relationship-focused practices.

Built in 1905, RCS is recognized as the oldest consolidated school still operating in New Brunswick and is a designated Provincial Heritage Place. Participants will explore how this historic school continues to serve as a vibrant learning community while celebrating more than 120 years of educational history

The Rocks

*Tentative pending accessibility in April. There is a plan B nature walk in Alma to view the **Bay of Fundy**. Discover the wonder of the Hopewell Rocks, Albert County's world-famous natural attraction. Walk on the ocean floor at low tide and marvel at the iconic flowerpot rock formations. Experience the dramatic Bay of Fundy tides, among the highest in the world. Explore scenic trails, panoramic look-offs, and interactive interpretive exhibits. A breathtaking destination where nature's power and beauty come to life. Dress warmly – the coast can be chilly!

Caledonia Regional High School

Experience innovative, hands-on learning at Caledonia Regional High School in Hillsborough, New Brunswick. Tour our student-operated greenhouse, explore our carpentry program where students design and build tiny homes, and see our Farm-to-Table Culinary Technology program in action. Learn about our Essential Skills Achievement Pathway to Graduation, which provides students with authentic workplace experiences and a strong focus on career readiness. Discover how project-based learning develops technical skills, entrepreneurship, sustainability, and community connections. Join us to see how real-world experiences are preparing students for success in work, further education, and life.

Option 2: Full day of school visit and First Nation Cultural experience

Dorchester Consolidated School

Growing Food, Growing Futures: Hydroponics, Community Impact, and Student Leadership. Step inside Dorchester Consolidated School's innovative hydroponic farm and see how a small rural school is making a big impact. Participants will tour a student-led hydroponic facility capable of harvesting more than 400 heads of lettuce every six weeks, along with our new fruit-growing stations that support the creation of fresh "salad-in-a-box" kits for local families through our community open fridge and food pantry initiative.

During this interactive session, participants will experience a live harvest, assist with packaging produce, and learn how the project has evolved from a school-based learning opportunity into a meaningful community food security initiative.

As a UNESCO Associated School, we will also explore how the farm connects to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Participants will hear directly from students and our UNESCO lead teacher about the ways this project fosters sustainability, citizenship, community engagement, and real-world learning while helping students see the impact they can have in their own communities.

Participants will leave with practical ideas for creating authentic, community-connected learning experiences in their own schools.

Fort Folly Medicine Walk

The Fort Folly Medicine Walk is an accessible, family-friendly 2.5-kilometre loop located within the Mi'kmaq community of Fort Folly near Dorchester, New Brunswick. Developed in partnership with the Fort Folly Habitat Recovery Program starting in 2007, the well-groomed forested trail is divided into three distinct thematic sections: Eagle, Bear (the core Medicine Trail), and Beaver (the Cultural Experiences Trail). The entire pathway serves as an interactive outdoor classroom designed to promote community wellness, environmental conservation, and the preservation of Traditional Knowledge.

The trail features detailed, trilingual interpretive panels written in English, French, and Mi'kmaw that showcase local medicinal flora and explain their traditional healing and ceremonial uses. Guided cultural walks introduce visitors to Mi'kmaw perspectives on food, health, and ecology.

Beyond teaching plant identification, these educational hikes share traditional stories and explain historical seasonal migrations, encouraging hikers to engage in "two-eyed seeing" by blending Western scientific observations with deep-rooted Indigenous wisdom.

Option 3: Morning school visits and afternoon keynote speaker

Edith Cavell School

Edith Cavell School has a long and proud history of serving children and families in the downtown Moncton core. The original school building, constructed in the 1920s, was a fixture in the neighbourhood for decades before being destroyed by fire in the 1980s. This led to the construction of the current Edith Cavell School, which opened its doors in 1989. Today, the school continues that legacy while reflecting the changing and vibrant community that surrounds it.

Edith Cavell School is an exceptionally diverse K–5 school, with newcomers to Canada representing as much as 70% of our student population. Our students and families bring a rich variety of languages, cultures, experiences, and perspectives that contribute greatly to the character of our school community. Visitors touring our site, will experience a place where more than a century of educational excellence has taken place, connecting Edith Cavell School's deep roots in the community with the diverse, inclusive, and dynamic school it is today.

Harrison Trimble High School

Harrison Trimble High School is a large, diverse, and vibrant school community in the heart of Moncton. With more than 1,600 students from a wide range of cultural, linguistic, and educational backgrounds, our hallways reflect a community that has changed dramatically in recent years. Through that growth and change, one thing has remained constant: Trimble is a school built on relationships, belonging, and a belief that every student can grow and be successful.

Visitors will experience a school that is busy, energetic, and unmistakably Trimble. Home to Atlantic Canada's largest International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme and recognized as a Solution Tree Model PLC at Work School, our culture is grounded in collaboration and collective responsibility for student learning. We focus on knowing where students are in their learning, recognizing academic growth over time, and responding when students need additional time, support, or challenge.

At HTHS, you will see our teachers using Real-Time Assessment (RTA) to gather evidence of quality learning through observations, conversations, and products. We use it to provide timely feedback, guide next instructional steps, deepen learning, and increase student ownership.

Keynote: Dr. Zachary Walker

Dr. Zachary Walker works with committed leaders and educators across the globe — 45 countries and counting — to help them transform their schools. His most recent book, [How to Lead a School](#), brings together relevant research, real-world leadership experience, psychology, and a healthy dose of practicality. It reflects the way he approaches leadership more broadly: grounded in evidence, informed by experience and always focused on what works in the real world.

His career began as a teacher and has since worked across every level of education. Along the way, he has become a speaker, author, educator, and thought leader, and he is most passionate about helping education leaders make a real difference in the lives of students and the communities they serve. His work focuses on taking complex ideas and turning them into clear, useful strategies that leaders can actually take back to their schools and put into practice.

Dr. Walker's academic career started at the National Institute of Education in Singapore. He then spent five years leading the Department of Psychology and Human Development at the UCL Institute of Education. He is currently the Head of Education Policy and Leadership at the Education University of Hong Kong. Each of these universities is ranked in the Top 10 in the world for Education.

An extremely experienced internationally respected speaker, Dr. Walker presents complex concepts in clear, concise, and easily relatable ways. He is a noted professional and academic authority on:

- School Leadership : communication, role models, servant leadership, coaching, styles, management
- High-Performing Teams : diversity, collaboration, teambuilding, interpersonal relationships
- Individual and Organizational Performance : culture, psychological safety, coaching, development
- Generational Management : Gen Z to Baby Boomers, social issues, perspectives, mediation
- Neuroscience : established and progressive principles for teaching, learning, and living
- Motivational/Inspirational : overcoming, adversity, barriers, self-esteem, confidence, winning