



Skills for Success Forum



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DAVE ISHERWOOD,
EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR, MARTIN FAMILY INITIATIVE (MFI)**

**SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF SKILLS:
REACHING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023, 8:45 AM – 12:00 PM

**HILTON GARDEN INN & HOMEWOOD SUITES OTTAWA DOWNTOWN
MONSELLA ROOMS A & B, 361 QUEEN STREET, OTTAWA ONTARIO
REGISTRATION: 7:30 AM, NETWORKING BREAKFAST: 8:00 AM**

Dave Isherwood began his teaching career in 1995 in the remote northern community of Nibinamik, Ontario. In his second year he transitioned to the role of Principal. Following his return to Thunder Bay, Dave worked for over two decades for Lakehead Public Schools. In 2004, he became the board's first Student Success Lead and helped establish Lakehead's Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee. He received the Glen Beatty Award from Skills Canada Ontario in 2008 as well as two Trustee Recognition Awards from Lakehead Public Schools.

Dave moved into administration in 2008, serving first as the Vice Principal of Westgate

CVI, then for five years as Principal of Sir Winston Churchill CVI. In 2018, he was recognized provincially as an Ontario Principals' Council *Difference Maker*.

Dave helped to launch the Martin Family Initiative's *Accounting Mentorship* and *Aboriginal Youth Entrepreneurship* programs while at Churchill. For the last four years he has been an Education Program Coordinator with MFI. He is currently supporting MFI's Indigenous Entrepreneurship Programs in Atlantic Canada, Ontario, Alberta and Yukon.

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