

CIMS Conference for School Administrators, Clerical, Counsellors, and other Student Services related personnel

There are several goals for CIMS Conference Student:

- a) Expose endusers with alternative ideas. There are 4 presenters and each have individual theories/thoughts. In typical training - it is usually only Donna that hears issues/consults with customers. Talking directly to the programmers and having sessions with a school clerk can have very positive impact for you and for our product.
- b) Provide Training:
 - Offer sessions that will go through how-to's and basics
 - Offer wide variety of topics so that users can learn about new feature and modules that their district/school currently has not implemented and maybe should
 - Provide detailed and topic oriented documentation so the user can absorb information and recall that learning when they get back to their own school/day to day environment.
- c) Provide the environment for Take Two to see customer needs and establish issues and concerns. In a group setting with key staff from many districts - much can be gained!
- d) Discuss Issues in a global perspective.
- e) Show new ideas and gain insight into user acceptance
- f) Allow for customers to network with each other to learn about how others do things
- g) Goalset for future program/product development based on input from users and more importantly from users in a group all talking about the same thing.

This is a special opportunity for local area schools as the CIMS National Conference is held in a local area every 4-5 years.

The Ministry will be onsite providing sessions on TRAX, new 1701, and 1701 for DL. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about TRAX/1701 and expected changes for the 2008/09 year and to express concerns/issues directly with the Ministry along with your CIMS colleagues there for support.

There are 3+ sessions running concurrently all day Friday. Each timeslot contains particular sessions designed for Administration/Student Services and Counsellors, High School Clerical, and Elementary Schools. It is our intention to have sessions each timeslot that will appeal to both clerical and admin staff. As soon as an agenda is available it will be included with this document.

On Thursday there will be student roundtable sessions, school site visits, and potentially some student related vendor high-level/product demonstrations.

The Conference cost has been as reduced as possible so that schools can consider sending as many staff as they can rather than a single person attend and then attempt to share the experience.

Join us for a day at the Lake