

# Biography

## Jim Grieve



Jim Grieve is the Director of Education for the Peel District School Board, Canada's second largest and one of North America's fastest-growing public school systems. With over 150,000 students, 232 schools, over 16,000 employees, a budget of over 1.2 billion dollars and an annual growth rate of approximately 3,000 students, the Peel board is one of the most significant and successful organizations in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

Jim has been a Director of Education in Ontario since 1998. He served in that role in the Ottawa-Carlton District School Board before joining Peel in 2002. His career includes outstanding teaching and leadership roles in Peel, North York and Ottawa. He holds a masters degree from OISE/University of Toronto, undergraduate degrees from York and the University of Toronto as well as supervisory officer, principal and other professional certifications.

Jim is a passionate advocate for children and the vital importance of the teaching/learning process. He is dedicated to modelling visible leadership within Peel and its total learning community. Jim spends one full day each week in schools, interacting with students, meeting teachers, administrators, teaching assistants, secretarial staff, custodians and parents. The school success plan is the focus of every visit. The discussions centre on the strategies implemented by staff to ensure that every student, every day, learns, grows and feels valued.

Jim is leading the Peel initiative to ensure that there is consolidation of effort and alignment of purpose throughout the system. Through the development of the Report Card for Student Success, a balanced scorecard initiative, the progress of the system toward student success is being measured and reported. Jim is co-ordinating the implementation of Transformational Practices in all classrooms across Peel. These are instructional practices that have been proven to increase achievement in student literacy and numeracy.

Jim is deeply involved in developing within Peel, the GTA and the nation, the strongest supports possible for children and their families. To achieve the objective of success for each child, Jim spends time leading some of the following local, provincial and national initiatives:

- Co-chair of the Peel Success By 6 initiative
- Vice-chair of the Council for Early Child Development
- Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Sheridan College
- Member of the Executive Committee and Board of Governors, Sheridan College
- President Elect (2008) of the Canadian Association of School Administrators
- Executive Member of the Ontario Public Supervisory Officials Association
- Member of The Learning Partnership Board of Directors
- Member of the Council of Directors of Education

Known as a highly visible and approachable leader, Jim has made the strongest commitment to equity, literacy, school readiness and improvement of teaching and learning in Peel.