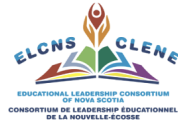




## PSAANS Welcomes Sharlene Whelan as Director of Professional Learning



The Public School Administrators Association of Nova Scotia (PSAANS) is proud to welcome **Sharlene Whelan** as the new **Director of Professional Learning**, leading the Educational Leadership Consortium of Nova Scotia (ELCNS) as it transitions into the professional learning branch of PSAANS.

With over three decades of experience in Nova Scotia's public education system, Sharlene brings unmatched expertise in school, regional, and provincial leadership. She currently serves as Executive Lead for Leadership Standards with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, where she led the implementation of Nova Scotia's Educational Leadership Standards and co-developed the province's Educational Leader Growth and Assessment (ELGA) process in collaboration with PSAANS.

During her time with the Chignecto Central Regional Center for Education (CCRCE) her career has included roles as family of schools supervisor, principal, vice-principal, literacy mentor, and HR manager, consistently demonstrating a deep commitment to equity, collaboration, and evidence-based leadership development. As co-chair of the provincial working group that guided the ELGA rollout, Sharlene built strong partnerships across the education entities and partners, shaping system-wide leadership development practices.

As Director, Sharlene will lead the design and delivery of high-impact professional learning aligned with the Nova Scotia Educational Leadership Standards and informed by emerging research, working in close collaboration with members, Regional Centers for Education, the Conseil scolaire acadien provinciale, NSTU, DEECD, post-secondary and community based partners.

PSAANS is thrilled to welcome Sharlene to this pivotal leadership role and looks forward to the energy, insight, and system-level coherence she brings to advancing professional learning for all educational leaders across the province.