

## **Empowering Learners Through Critical Thinking**

Your ATA Professional Development Committee is providing a the below full day PD session.

The benefits of a critical thinking approach to teaching and learning are many. As students are given decision-making power in the learning process within the boundaries of the curriculum, student engagement increases, student voice is honoured and improved self-regulation results. More importantly, students learn to think in a quality way as they think to learn deepening understanding and achievement for all. In this cross-curricular session, participants will explore and practice designing critical thinking questions and tasks that will help to realize the benefits of this approach.

Laura Gini-Newman began consulting with TC<sup>2</sup> after a diverse career as a classroom and university educator, consultant, coach, and textbook and curriculum writer. She has worked with teachers of all subject areas across Canada, the USA Ontario, Alberta, Europe, and in Asia, the Caribbean and the Middle East. In her work, she has focused on the significant role of sustained critical inquiry across all disciplines as a way to empower all students to become independent successful lifelong learners. Recently Laura was awarded the Karen LaRone Hidden Hero Educator Award for her work in mathematics. She has presented widely on the topics of critical thinking, inquiry, assessment, instruction, school success planning, multiple intelligences and brain research.

<b>Location</b>	<i>Ramada Plaza &amp; Conference Centre 3515 26 Street NE</i>
<b>Time/Date</b>	<i>Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 8:30am – 3:30pm</i> Includes continental breakfast & lunch
<b>Audience</b>	Grades K – 12 Teachers & Administrators
<b>Registration</b>	<i>Registration is limited to 40 applications. Final registration will be determined by a random draw. Substitute coverage will be provided by Calgary Public Teachers. Successful applicants will be notified by the ATA office and will receive a substitute code at that time. Email confirmations will be sent by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Please let Tracy Hodal (<a href="mailto:thodal@ata38.ab.ca">thodal@ata38.ab.ca</a>) know if you are unable to attend the session once it has been confirmed so another person can participate.</i>
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Monday November 26, 2018</b>

Please Check your calendar to ensure you are available to attend this PD Session Prior to Registering.

Register at: <http://bit.ly/criticalthinking2>