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## Digital Citizenship online course

A key component of Saskatchewan's Action Plan to Address Bullying and Cyberbullying is the support and promotion of digital citizenship instruction for K-12 students. As part of this commitment, the Ministry of Education is supporting an upcoming professional development opportunity for all educators. This unique professional development is entitled #DCMOOC and occurs in an online format found at http://dcmooc.ca/.

Since this is work that we do with the support of parents and caregivers, Saskatoon Public Schools welcomes you to share in our learning and take part in this educational opportunity.

**What is it?**
#DCMOOC is a "Massive Open Online Course" on the topic of digital citizenship that will be offered over a five-week period starting the week of May 11, 2014. The course is especially designed for Saskatchewan-based PreK to Grade 12 educators but will be open to teachers, administrators, parents and other interested individuals around the world. #DCMOOC is free, and you can participate in as little or as much of the opportunity as your schedule affords. Visit http://dcmooc.ca/ to see the options of available times to participate and how to follow on Twitter.

**What is a MOOC?**
A MOOC or "Massive Open Online Course" is an educational experience open to a global audience with no limit to the number of participants. It may sound unusual, but MOOCs are becoming well-established ways of learning through online technologies.

**Who is leading?**
This MOOC will be led by Dr. Alec Couros, professor of educational technology and media studies at the Faculty of Education, University of Regina. He will also be joined by guest facilitators from around the world.

**What will be discussed?**
Topics include:
- important safety concerns on the Internet, including inappropriate content, cyberbullying, Internet scams, issues of privacy and other questionably ethical/legal activities;
- popular teen social networks and mobile apps, and the related issues of digital footprint, digital identity, netiquette and online professionalism;
- understanding literacy in an information and media-rich environment;
- effectively using technology in teaching and learning to connect students through social, mobile and collaborative technologies; and
- empowering students to better understand the responsible use of new technologies, to develop a positive digital identity and to improve their world.

**How do I register?**
Go to http://fluidsurveys.com/s/dcmoocregistration/ to sign up.

**Need more information?**
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