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**TORONTO METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY & MICROSOFT  
CANADA HOST SITES:  
C21 CANADA CEO ACADEMY LEADER SUMMIT FOR PUBLIC  
EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY MAY 17-18  
A National Conversation  
Beyond COVID-19: Accelerating the Changes That Matter for K to 12  
Learners in Canada-**

**Toronto, Ontario: Wednesday, May 17, 2023** - [C21 Canada](#) is honoured to host the CEO Academy Leader Summit in Toronto, May 17-18th, 2023 to connect, reflect and continue the national conversation on Public Education and Technology; *Beyond COVID-19: Accelerating the changes that matter for K to 12 learners in Canada*. The summit will be hosted in partnership with Toronto Metropolitan University, The Ted Rogers Schools of Management and Microsoft Education Canada, coinciding with the prestigious [Canadian Innovation Week](#), celebrating innovation, that sparks inspiration and fosters the growth of the next generation of innovators.

*"C21 Canada is honoured to host this year's CEO Academy National Summit in partnership with TMU and Microsoft Canada. It is fortuitous that this week marks Canadian Innovation Week which is foundational to C21 Canada--Canadians for 21st Century Learning & Innovation,"* said Robert Martellacci, CEO & Co-founder, C21 Canada

*"After an extended period of teaching and learning at a distance we understand more than ever the importance of the on-campus experience, the value of being face to face with our peers and the true power of collaboration,"* said Toronto Metropolitan University President and Vice-Chancellor Mohamed Lachemi. *"We are pleased to be partnering with C21 to host this important conference and I look forward to the resulting partnerships and opportunities that will shape the future of education in Canada."*

C21 Canada is set to welcome CEO Academy members, C21 Canada Board of Advisors, collaborating partners and special guests. Over 1 million students are represented by C21 Canada education leaders across the country.

The [CEO Academy](#) is a learning and collaboration network of Directors of Education and CEO/Superintendents of Schools from across Canada, sharing a passion for 21st century innovation, system capacity and coherence in K to 12 Canadian education.

The CEO Academy Leader Summit is the annual culmination of professional inquiry in a shared cultural experience celebrating Canada's local histories. Face-to-face gatherings have provided a powerful prologue for national coherence and collective CEO leadership in making space for the voices from the margins.



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The summit will host 2 in depth panel discussions with prestigious leaders in education from across Canada. The day 1 panel presentation is focused around the theme The Past is Prologue exploring eliminating barriers and accelerating what matters for K to 12 learners. Nurturing networks driven by impact, efficacy and evidence. Redesigning partnerships and processes that leverage emerging technology. The day 2 panel discussion will focus on public education and technology in 2023, a national conversation, C21 Canada board and CIO alliance collaboration.

Professional inquiry is driven by wellbeing for living and learning, equity and inclusion, and reconciliation with leading insights featured in publication: [School beyond COVID-19: Accelerating the changes that matter for K to 12 Learners in Canada](#).

The national summit and Call to Action to lower barriers and spread local successes in building trust and influence on community and policy advocacy on:

1. What Matters for K to 12 Learners ~ Evidence-based Impact
2. Equity in Access: Voice and choice
3. Technology Culture and Infrastructure
4. Cybersecurity

Participants in the summit, and CEO learners will:

- Fortify courageous and principled leadership networks of role models, mentors and allies to spread influence and advocacy,
- Create pathways for stories and high quality data and inquiry to challenge statistics and assumptions,
- Engage innovative partnerships that pursue diversity and difference as opportunities for equity and inclusion.

*C21 Canada facilitates networks of Kindergarten to Grade 12 school system leaders in developing a trusted community of strategic insight fueled by innovation. Nuanced foresight from leading new cultures for learning, well-being and social justice through a global pandemic position these CEO Academy leaders with the ways and means to advise the way forward.* Karen Yamada, C21 Canada Learning and Innovation Lead.

A National Call to Action for Local Advocacy: What is one action that you could take to scale your influence and spread local leader advocacy. What could C21 Canada do to enable your action?

The C21 Canada leadership summit begins Wednesday May 17th at the Ted Rogers School of Management and continues through Thursday, May 18th at Microsoft Education Canada.

### **About C21 Canada**

C21 Canada is a national, not for profit organization that advocates for 21st Century models of learning in education. Their belief is that 21st century models of learning must be adopted in public education on an urgent basis to position Canadians for economic, social and personal success in the high skills, knowledge and innovation based economy.



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### **About C21 CEO Academy**

The CEO Academy is a Pan-Canadian professional network of school system superintendents (chief executive officers of their district) committed to setting Canadian standards for 21st century learning, innovation and technology in the education system. Members share a focus on creating cultures of innovation and transformation, and a moral imperative to develop global competencies that students need for their future. This facilitated network is a model of collaborative inquiry on innovation and system scaling.

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