

# Aurora Health Support Team

## What has Changed?

In the past, the Regional Collaborative Service Delivery (RCSD) has provided support services for our students needing additional support such as speech and language, occupational therapy and mental health support. As of June 2020, RCSD has been dismantled and, in response, Aurora School has assembled a Health Support Team to provide these contracted services to students at our school.

## Who are the Health Support Team Members?

Aurora School has contracted specialists to work collaboratively with our staff to deliver needed services. All services, if provided on site, will be delivered with Covid Safety precautions in place.

Patricia Henderson - Speech and Language Pathologist.

We are pleased to welcome Patricia to our Student Health Team. She is passionate in working with students and helping them become confident in their speech and language skills. She will work with staff to identify appropriate speech and language referrals. This is completed through classroom observations, and discussions with the teacher and parents. She is also responsible for completing speech and language assessments, and providing speech, language or fluency treatment as needed. She also collaborates with other professionals to provide the best intervention.

Michelle Curtis - Occupational Therapist

Michelle was with our team last year and will continue to work with students who require assistance with fine and gross motor skills, organizational skills, and emotional regulation strategies. In addition, she will provide teachers with resources and strategies for individual and universal support in the classroom.

Aaron Block - Psychologist

Aaron is rejoining us this school year and is experienced in providing counselling support and assessment. He will provide services to referred students through virtual or in person sessions with Covid Safety precautions in place. Aaron will also be a valuable resource for teachers' professional development throughout the year.

## How will students access the services?

Students who may need additional support will be referred by their teachers for parental consent. If parent/guardian consent is given, the Health Team member will contact the parent/guardian with information about service delivery and the therapy plan. Any questions regarding these services can be directed to [Michelle Smith, Health Team Service Coordinator](#).