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Biography

Janet Murphy has over 30 years of varied teaching and leadership experience and she currently has the unique position of having responsibility in both K-12 and post secondary education.

Janet currently leads and manages the Advanced Broadband Enabled Learning (ABEL) program for York University's Office of the Vice President Research and Innovation in Toronto. She is also the Manager of Innovative Learning Solutions for the York Region District School Board (YRDSB). In these positions, Janet provides leadership in the implementation of broadband resources to students, staff and community. This includes developing e-learning programs that support Virtual Schooling, online professional and leadership development and e-learning programs for the community. She also coordinates involvement and collaboration in e-projects with other school districts, colleges and universities across Canada and internationally.

Throughout Janet's career she has received many awards and accolades for her work. Janet has been recognized for her leadership in education and the innovative use of technology by receiving the ORION Award for Learning 2006, ORION Award of Merit for Leadership 2006, Learning Partnership Technology Innovation Award in 2005 and 2003, the Information Highways e-Content Award for Education 2002, the Prime Minister's Award of Excellence, May 2001 and the Roberta Bondar Millennium Award of Excellence, January 2000.

Janet has also been invited to represent Canada at international technology and e-Learning conferences including BETT in London England in January 2005 and OnlineEduca in Berlin Germany, in December 2005. She has presented papers and been a speaker at numerous conferences including the American Education Research Association in March 2008; the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education (SITE) Conference in 2004, 2007 and 2009; the E-Learn Conference in October 2007; NECC in June 2007; and Educause 2004.

Janet is married and has two children. She enjoys many kinds of sports, loves to garden and is an avid reader.