The Advanced Broadband Enabled Learning (ABEL) program has been invited by the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat to pilot a three-year classroom-based action research project for K-6 literacy and numeracy teachers in Ontario. The Literacy and Numeracy Connections Pilot is a professional development program aimed at developing pedagogical and leadership skills for district-wide trainers, literacy-lead teachers, principals/vice-principals in schools and district supervisory officers. The pilot project focuses on the Ministry of Education’s Education Foundations junior lead teacher literacy and numeracy training.

ABEL will provide a platform for a professional development program that is customized to meet the goals of the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat and build on the strengths of the participating regions and districts across Ontario. This pilot program has the advantage of using existing ABEL infrastructure and relationships and will also enjoy access to a wide variety of tools, applications and implementation expertise.

Literacy and Numeracy Connections’ participants are the leadership cadre that will be the agents of change and sustain school improvement in literacy and numeracy in school districts across the province. By working collaboratively both locally and inter-provincially, the participants will develop innovative approaches to literacy and numeracy training.

The Literacy and Numeracy Connections Pilot will support student achievement through leading edge classroom practice; building bridges between institutions; by leveraging resources and expertise; and, acting as catalyst for change by providing literacy and numeracy leadership locally, regionally and provincially.

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