



Technology leadership for Ontario's
K-12 education sector to empower
student success while enabling
school board efficiencies and savings.

**Powering Education.
Empowering Success.**



Technology is powering education now more than ever.

Students, families, teachers and school board administrators have long depended on proven technology solutions to set the stage for the best possible learning experiences.

This was never more urgent than during the COVID-19 pandemic. Information Technology professionals stepped up to lead boards through rapid changes in online learning, communications, and IT support.

ECNO provided leadership and support for our members every step of the way.

As we embrace more change in how we teach, learn and communicate, there will be critical need for innovative IT leadership that empowers student success while ensuring privacy and safety. Equally important will be a focus on efficiency and savings in school board operations across Ontario.



ECNO is Ontario's authority in school board administration IT solutions.

ECNO is proud to play an important role in the Ontario education system. Our strength comes from our members: all of Ontario's 72 school boards and a growing list of other education authorities.

Our members understand the value in having a collaborative, open and forward-thinking collective interested in maximizing the impact of IT in 21st century education and administration.

ECNO delivers real-world solutions and support for IT professionals in education.

ECNO is a platform for great things to happen: rather than solve the same problem 72 different

ways, we build leaders, systems and opportunities that help our members collaboratively find and execute effective IT solutions.

In the fast-moving world of education and technology, ECNO is a pipeline to the best ideas, discoveries, systems and products available.

Membership provides access to shared service solutions that establish synergy, efficiency and savings across Ontario's education system. Our solutions draw on years of expertise, strong relationships with leading technology vendors, extensive best practices and due diligence.

ECNO members enable learning, create efficiencies and save taxpayers money.

Partnerships that deliver performance, savings and peace of mind.



Thanks to an exclusive agreement all ECNO members can access hundreds of Microsoft tools and the support to easily implement them. The ECNO and Microsoft partnership is helping boards of all sizes better manage their costs, stay up to date on the latest in educational tech and find efficiencies to help both classrooms and administrations run smoothly.

Onboarding of software can be time consuming and complicated. ECNO negotiated the highly desirable **Microsoft Premier Agreement** for its members offering cost effective, priority support from Microsoft professionals to help with the deployment of all Microsoft products. The agreement is the first of its kind in Canada.

Our Value-Added Reseller relationship with Microsoft has saved Ontario taxpayers more than \$6.5 million (so far) – never mind countless headaches along the way.

We continue to grow new partnerships to strengthen our services for member school boards. One of ECNO's newest vendor partners is Google. Staff are working closely with Google's Canadian leadership to develop a long term **Google for Education** agreement to support member boards in their use of the Google suite of products including Chromebooks, Google Workspace for Education and the various programs they offer to teachers and students, all the while relying on our volunteer expertise to ensure safe and secure access for Ontario's students.



Privacy and data security risks demand the highest level of diligence.

Student privacy and safety are paramount concerns. ECNO responded to fast-changing education needs during the pandemic by introducing the Vetting of Applications for Security and Privacy (VASP) service designed to give boards, teachers and parents confidence in the platforms and tools they were adopting.

The OASBO Joint ICT-PIM Working Group established a process for conducting risk assessments on educational web applications for the benefit of all boards. All assessments embody progressive privacy and security protections that align with those endorsed by regulators and experts across North America and the European Union.

Cyber Awareness Month: ECNO, in partnership with Ontario School Boards and the Ministry of Education, is proud to promote K-12 Cyber Awareness. The campaign includes extensive communication tools and resources for school and online privacy.



School board IT professionals go all out all year, with infrequent opportunities for professional development or to network with their peers. ECNO's annual conference brings the industry together for connection, conversation and education.

Over three days, the ECNO conference is an ideal platform for members, technology vendor partners and industry stakeholders to discover the latest technology solutions in education administration, interact with peers to share best practices and brainstorm solutions to the newest challenges.



History and Governance

The Educational Computing Network of Ontario began as a joint initiative between the Ontario Ministry of Education and Training and Ontario's school boards in the early 1980s. This partnership built a strong and successful co-operative Information Technology program involving a group of Ontario boards. In 1996, ECNO became a not-for-profit that is owned by its member boards.

Accountability and collaborative leadership are hallmarks of ECNO. Our actions are guided by an elected Board of Directors and carried out by experienced staff in collaboration with working groups and committees comprised of education IT professionals and senior business officers and directors from across Ontario.



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