



THE KEN SPENCER AWARD



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Surrey Academy of Innovative Learning Wins National Innovation Award

The Canadian Education Association (CEA) recognizes this blended learning program – where students build, create and design at school, home and in the community – with a Ken Spencer Award for Innovation in Teaching and Learning.

Toronto – April 5, 2017 – The Surrey Academy of Innovative Learning (SAIL), a K-7 Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) blended learning program, relies on the support of parents and the community to help students – who haven’t thrived in a traditional school setting – to learn in ways that work best for them and at their own pace. This includes a learn-from-home day once a week, where parents – with teacher support – guide their children’s learning journey through online work, field trips, and by setting up community-based business mentorships. The SAIL teaching team recognizes the importance of empowering parents and students, of nurturing a sense of empathy and belonging in their school, and they take great pride as they see the students begin to thrive in this challenging enriched academic environment.

“SAIL is a great example of how a school can offer the best elements of learning, inside and outside of school, to meet the needs of every learner and offer parents a unique opportunity to take an active role in their child’s education,” says Ron Canuel, CEA President and CEO.

A Ken Spencer Award recognition ceremony will take place at this school on April 26 at 1:30pm. This is the eighth year of this award, and CEA would like to thank the 102 school and school district staff for their time and effort in the preparation of this year’s award application packages.

For a booklet showcasing the work of all seven Ken Spencer Award winners:

<http://www.cea-ace.ca/2017KSAwardWinners>

The Ken Spencer Award for Innovation in Teaching and Learning was established with the generous contribution of Dr. Ken Spencer to recognize and publicize innovative work that is sustainable and has the potential of being taken up by others; to encourage a focus on transformative change in schools; and to provide profile for classroom innovation within school districts, schools, and the media. <http://www.cea-ace.ca/kenspenceraward>

Founded in 1891, the Canadian Education Association (CEA) is a network of passionate educators advancing ideas for greater student and teacher engagement in public education.

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