



Patrick Niwa grew up in northeast Alberta, graduating from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. He later studied at Simon Fraser University, earning a Teaching and Learning in an Information Technology Environment (TLITE) certificate, then completed his Master's Degree from Royal Roads University. He has been an independent school teacher and administrator for 22 years in British Columbia's lower mainland, teaching elementary, middle, and high school students.

As a Director of Technology in Education, Patrick's background in education and his knowledge of digital technologies provides a unique perspective on designing computer infrastructures focussed on the needs of learners. He has been instrumental in overseeing and expanding a dynamic professional development program, unifying teachers, administration, and staff. He has also shaped a growing international travel program.

Patrick has served on numerous independent school and advisory committees and has helped organize two national CAIS conferences. While serving as the Director of Technology in Education, he also accepted volunteer leadership positions as the Chair for provincial educational committees on technology in education, anti-bullying, professional development, and technology systems. He has also presented at national conferences on the topic of change management.

Patrick lives in Langley with his wife, Barb, a Catholic school educator, and his two children, both of whom attended Catholic schools in the lower mainland.