



*Economic crash*

*Environmental crisis*

*Demographic transformation*

## IT'S TIME TO RE-THINK OUR SCHOOLS

*Canada is at a crossroads: its population, its economy and its very environment are experiencing a seismic shift - and it's going to take more than being good at reading and math to thrive in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.*

**Building a New Canada Together: The role of schools in creating the Canada We Want**

**What:** A conversation Monday night at CBC's Glenn Gould Studio. Parents, educators, students, city officials and community leaders from across the country are coming together for the first time to figure out how Canada's schools should be preparing students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Glen Murray**, former Mayor of Winnipeg and President and CEO of the Canadian Urban Institute, says Canada's hope lies in its schools. *But:*

- Are our schools teaching students the right things?
- If the "new economy" is going to rely more on creativity and innovation and less on manufacturing and resources, should we be changing the focus in our schools?
- Should our schools be teaching students values? If so, whose?
- How can schools do a better job of harnessing the power of diversity?
- How can we ensure our students are prepared to be the citizens of tomorrow?

Mini video documentaries from selected schools across Canada will serve as talking points for parent, student and educator panellists and an audience of concerned experts who will debate the merits of the fundamental changes needed in our public education systems.

Detailed workshop information is available at: <http://www.cea-ace.ca>

**Where:** Glenn Gould Studio, 250 Front Street

**When:** Monday, October 27  
7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

**Who:**

Matt Galloway	– Host of CBC's <i>Here and Now</i>
Glen Murray	– President and CEO of the Canadian Urban Institute
Herveen Singh	– Doctoral Candidate, OISE/UT and Co-director, "Leading for Equity"
Chris Usih	– Diversity specialist, System Superintendent, Toronto District School Board
Carole Olsen	– Superintendent, Halifax Regional School Board, and Vice-President, CEA
Annie Kidder	– Executive Director, People for Education

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