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Computing Canada (CC) "Blogged Down" – interview with Ben Grebinski: Superintendent of School Operations, Administrative Services and Technology, Regina Catholic Schools

There's a new editorial feature, **Blogged Down (BD)**, in **Computing Canada (CC)** where editor **Patricia MacInnis** features an upcoming interview that appears here in the **Canadian IT Managers forum (CIM)**. Computing Canada (CC) is the oldest, largest, most influential bi-weekly business/technology print publication with an audience that includes more than 42,000 IT decision makers in medium-to-large enterprises.



This is the fifth interview in the series Blogged Down. The interview is with Ben Grebinski, Superintendent of School Operations, Administrative Services and Technology, Regina Catholic Schools. In 2005, Ben was the recipient of the 2005 Computing Canada IT Leadership: IT Executive of the Year Award. The Computing Canada IT Leadership Awards represent the highest of honours for the industry with an estimated size of 500,000 to 800,000 professionals:

To listen to the interview directly, click on this [MP3 file link](#).

In the interview Ben shares his views on:

Interview Time Index (MM:SS) and Topic

- 00:40:: How has the work or concept of "Effective Schools" influenced your approach to school reform?
- 01:35:5: Can you comment on how you used the school improvement models of something called "Professional learning Communities at Work"?
- 03:46: What does the "digital divide" mean to you? How do you solve these challenges?
- 06:36: Can you describe five major problem areas and how you address them?
- 09:21: What new government policies would you recommend and how should they be implemented?
- 11:125: What kinds of technology do you use to support schools, educators, and students?
- 12:145: What kinds of technology would you like to have?
- 13:58: Where do you see this heading in three years and in five years?
- 15:255: How is your environment different from a corporate one?
- 19:185: What five lessons have you learned from your long career of successes that will be of value to the audience?



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- 21:30: What sort of processes support team spirit and collaboration?
- 24:53: What are you looking for in your hiring practices? How would you rank people skills, experience, education, and vendor certification?
- 29:45: Can you explore five topics of interest to a national audience?
- 31:35: What are the top priorities for senior IT managers and how should they be addressed?
- 33:51: What attributes make for an effective executive? Describe your feelings in receiving the national Computing Canada IT Executive of the Year Award?

The first CC Blogged Down interview was with software architect and Microsoft MVP, Roger Sessions appearing here Jan 10, 2006:

<http://blogs.technet.com/cdnitmanagers/archive/2006/01/10/417165.aspx>

The second CC Blogged Down interview appearing Feb 7, 2006 was with cryptologist and security authority Bruce Schneier:

<http://blogs.technet.com/cdnitmanagers/archive/2006/02/07/418933.aspx>

The third CC Blogged Down interview appearing March 10, 2006 was with senior protocol analyst and security expert, Laura Chappell:

<http://blogs.technet.com/cdnitmanagers/archive/2006/03/10/421727.aspx>

The fourth CC Blogged Down interview appearing March 21st, 2006 was with Trevor Eddolls author, editor, founder and CEO of iTech-Ed Ltd:

<http://blogs.technet.com/cdnitmanagers/archive/2006/03/21/422529.aspx>

I also encourage you to share your thoughts here on these interviews or send me an e-mail at sibaraki@cips.ca.

Thank you,
Stephen Ibaraki

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