

## Brenda Augusta – Introduction

Brenda Augusta, educator, consultant, mentor, author, and presenter draws on her deep understanding of assessment, literacy, and numeracy and on her considerable skill as a facilitator to support educators and to foster a positive impact on student learning.

With her commitment to fostering teacher-leaders, Brenda has planned and delivered professional learning at both the system and the school level.

Brenda has been described as a responsive practitioner, one who recognizes and honours the knowledge that her audience brings while sharing her ideas in manageable portions.

Brenda's newest book, *Collecting Evidence and Portfolios: Engaging Students in Pedagogical Documentation*, the fourth book in our popular Knowing What Counts series, was co-authored with Anne Davies, Ph.D. and Sandra Herbst and published in June, 2017. Brenda wrote *Making Writing Instruction Work*, published in October of 2015 and shares more of her expertise in *Lesson Study: Powerful Assessment and Professional Practice*, a book she co-authored with colleagues in 2013.

As you work with Brenda, you will be encouraged with humour, wisdom, and respect to revisit current practices. She will ask you to challenge your assumptions, to reflect on your work, and to “raise the bar” on your expectations for yourselves and for your students.