

Learning Forward, a leader in the design of high-quality professional learning and facilitation of practitioner networks, invites you to join a new network for teams of district leaders.

Announcing Cohort 2 of the **DESIGN PROFESSIONAL LEARNING** **FOR A VIRTUAL WORLD**

Professional learning has never been more important as schools and districts design and implement, in real time, new models for learning during and after this pandemic. As schools face new and changing conditions, educators are responsible for ensuring that student learning continues as they themselves adapt to online, remote or hybrid learning. Now is the time to capture lessons learned from the emergency shift to inform the improvement of professional learning utilizing virtual and digital-mediated educational models. Invest in your educators now to maximize success in the future.

Join the network's second cohort of district teams, led by Learning Forward, to address your current challenges related to the design, implementation, and measurement of professional learning in virtual and digital models. Collaborate with like-minded districts as you solve your own district's immediate and long-term challenges, expand your professional learning network, and ensure that your time and money have the biggest impact possible. Invest in your educators' professional learning today, support them in responding to the new normal, and build for their long-term needs.

OUTCOMES FOR YOUR DISTRICT:

- **A contextualized, comprehensive professional learning plan focused on outcomes**
- **Sustainable solutions for your district's immediate challenges and for a professional learning infrastructure that transcends COVID**
- **Solutions aligned to district and state strategic plans that work across departments**
- **Increased capacity to create policies and practices for effective professional learning**
- **Access to professional learning tools and resources aligned to the Learning Forward Standards for Professional Learning.**
- **Collaboration and critical-friend relationships with leaders from like-minded districts**
- **Understanding of how short-term COVID lessons can inform long-term professional learning plans**
- **Professional learning that is focused on equity through innovative strategies**

Unlike organizations focused on online delivery, Learning Forward's expertise is in designing and facilitating effective, outcomes-oriented professional learning that addresses immediate needs and plans for the long term. Our facilitated networks encourage learning alongside peer leadership teams as you design, implement, and assess professional learning through continuous improvement.

Note: Education Stabilization Funds through the CARES Act can support participation in this network.

PARTICIPANT TEAMS

District teams include 4-5 director-level administrators responsible for professional learning, academics, technology integration, assessment, and leadership. Teams will be encouraged to bridge silos and model collaboration.

STRUCTURE

The Design Professional Learning in a Virtual World Network will advance through three stages:

1

Support ongoing success in virtual and hybrid learning environments;

2

Respond, recover and maximize learning during each school year; and

3

Reinvent professional learning to acknowledge and embrace new learning models.

Onboarding begins in January, 2021, in preparation for a collaborative virtual session in February, 2021. Network collaboration continues through December 2021.

INCLUDED

- Development of an ongoing professional learning plan for the district
- Integrated needs assessment at each stage including 1:1 interviews, focus groups, and survey instruments
- Support to compile data and share with the district team to inform professional learning planning
- Facilitated team and network time for learning and design
- Virtual engagement and access to resources through an online community
- Opportunity to be featured in Learning Forward communications and publications
- Comprehensive Learning Forward memberships for team members

CADENCE

- Onboarding and at least monthly virtual call with a Learning Forward coach for:
 - ongoing technical assistance and consultation to review needs assessment and
 - development of district professional learning plan using Learning Forward standards, tools and resources
- Facilitated professional learning related to outcomes aligned to focus areas
- Quarterly virtual, facilitated team and peer-to-peer check-ins
- Quarterly webinars featuring thought leaders tied to network challenges
- Three one-day virtual network convenings
- Dedicated team planning time with facilitator support

WHAT IS THE COST?

There is a \$19,500 annual fee per team.

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