



HIGHLIGHTED SESSIONS FEATURING CHARTER SCHOOLS AND CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORKS

Monday, December 3

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

1406 | Integrating Social Emotional Learning Through Creative Expression

Explore how creativity and movement can be used to manage emotions and discover the kinesthetic dimension of empathy. Identify how feelings impact the way people work and collaborate with one another. Address the importance of whole-school of social emotional learning and its relationship to fostering safe and supportive learning environments. Leave with strategies for utilizing creative expression as an emotional management tool in schools, classroom and communities in order to create safe and supportive learning environments for all students.

Sara LaHayne, Move This World, **Tiana Johnson**, Uplift Mighty Primary School

1446 | Using Micro-Credentials to Foster a Culture of Learning

Learn how one Utah public charter school enhanced their professional growth program with job-embedded, classroom-focused micro-credentials. Observe how teachers at the Weilenmann School of Discovery embraced Micro-Credentials as a way to supplement their prescriptive professional development and personalize their individual learning plans. Hear teacher testimonials about how this new approach to professional growth has made a difference in the classroom and in overall job satisfaction. Take away applications for micro-credentials in your organization.

Cynthia Phillips, Weilenmann School of Discovery

Tuesday, December 4

3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

2444 | Purposeful Leadership on the Journey to Implementing Professional Learning Communities that Work

Consider the research that shows professional learning communities are a powerful tool to enhance adult learning and collegial dialogue that directly impacts not only students and teachers, but school systems as a whole. Engage in an exploration of the process of creating systemic change through a three-tiered approach to implementation of professional learning communities. Receive technical assistance and leave with an action plan for implementation.

Julie Williams, **John-Anthony Boggess**, **Nicole Handy**, SouthTech Schools; **Debbie Cooke**, WPGL Consulting

Wednesday, December 5

8:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

3203 | A School/Business/Community Partnership That Truly Benefits Kids!

Take a deep dive into how one Wisconsin School District partnered with a global business leader in Mercury Marine to begin two STEM Charter Schools. Explore how the partnership has transformed education and further engaged the business and larger community in equipping Fond du Lac, Wisconsin students for the future. Learn how to engage in similar pursuits in your home school or district.

James Sebert, **Tim Scottberg**, Fond du Lac School District

3233 | Redefining Career Pathways: The Key to Retaining High Quality Educators

More than 40 percent of all teachers leave the profession within their first five years and half of those who leave are among the most effective teachers. One reason for this high attrition rate is the lack of opportunities for teachers to grow and lead. Learn how states and districts are redefining educator career pathways through micro-credentials. Leave with ideas on how to leverage micro-credentials to redefine career pathways and teacher licensure in your own district to support, grow, and retain high-quality educators.

Burak Yilmaz, Harmony Public Schools, **Jason Lange**, **Allison Powell**, BloomBoard



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1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

3426 | A Case Study from Chicago: Leveraging a PLC to Scale Personalized Learning

Since 2014, LEAP Innovations has piloted a new model for professional learning bringing together a mix of charter, traditional public, and Archdiocese schools from urban and suburban regions to pilot and implement personalized learning strategies. Learn how LEAP's Pilot Network models best-in-class professional learning practices to support and sustain a growing community of innovators who are driving the future of learning.

Erin Figula, Jen Stack, LEAP Innovations

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