



# European School Administrator Program Agenda

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**October 27-November 1, 2016**

## **Minneapolis Program**

The Commons Hotel  
615 Washington Ave. SE  
Minneapolis, MN 55414  
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**Thursday, October 27, 2016**

### **Setting the Stage in Minnesota**

#### **Morning**

##### **Hotel Check-In**

##### ***The Commons Hotel Front Desk***

Participants arrive and check in.

#### **Post Check-in until 2:00pm**

**Lunch** (on own)

#### **2:00-3:15pm**

##### **Opening Session in Minneapolis**

##### ***The Commons Hotel, Think 4 Room***

Review of the full agenda, achievement data and overview for the sessions, introductions, review of Minneapolis program schedule, review of Minnesota achievement data (e.g., student demographic, graduation rates, SES, brief overview of school/district structure, etc.), sharing personal goals for city program, and feedback from the schedule.

##### Facilitated by:

Marina Aleixo, *Program Director of International Initiatives, College of Education, and Human Development, University of Minnesota Twin Cities*

Glory Kibbel, *Former Director, Minnesota Department of Education*

#### **3:30-5:15pm**

##### **State and Policy Perspective, Refugee and Immigrant Integration**

##### ***The Commons Hotel, Think 4 Room***

##### Remarks by:

Michael Bowlus, *English Learner and Refugee Education Specialist, Minnesota Department of Education*

Rachele King, *State Refugee Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Human Services*

#### **5:30-8:00pm**

##### **Welcome Reception: Dinner and Panel Presentations**

##### ***The Commons Hotel, Pathways Room***

Panel presentation by key community leaders on working with newcomers and underrepresented populations, including two local councilmen, two school superintendents, two community organizations, and several school administrators and teachers. The Immigrant History Research Center will also do a brief presentation on the immigrant history digital story archive project. Program Fellows will be invited to join in the conversation and highlight what occurs in their countries.



**Friday, October 28, 2016**

**Education in Action**

**8:00-10:45am**

**New Families Center Site Visit and Breakfast**

*3345 Chicago Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55407*

The New Families Center offers Student Placement Services to families who speak a home language other than English. They have a bilingual staff to work with Somali, Hmong, Spanish and English-speaking families. Their offices have multilingual, multicultural staff available to help families enroll their children in Minneapolis Public Schools. The purpose of the visit is to see the space where staff meets with families and conducts placement assessments. Both staff and other MN Department of Education staff that oversee the design and implementation of program and services will be present.

Remarks by:

Lynnea Atlas- Ingebretson, *Director of Family & Partnerships*

Panel Presentation

*Topic: Student Assessment Protocols*

**11:30am-1:30pm**

**PYC Arts and Tech High School**

*2210 Oliver Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55411*

Plymouth Christian Youth Center (PCYC) is a voluntary health, education, and welfare organization that was founded in 1954 to serve children and youth in the inner city of Minneapolis.

Tour

Observe in the classroom, and meet with teachers and school staff to discuss school experience and best practices.

Panel Presentation

*Topic: Community support of under-represented and under-served inner-city students*

Lunch at PCYC

**2:00-5:30pm**

**Leap High School Site Visit**

*631 N Albert St, St Paul, MN 55104*

LEAP High School is dedicated to serving students who are new to the United States and are learning English while earning a high school diploma. As an alternative high school, LEAP High School enrolls students up to age 20 and provides an educational opportunity for students whose needs often do not match the offerings provided in traditional high schools. Founded in 1994 as LEAP English Academy and later named International Academy - LEAP.

Tour

Observe in the classroom, and meet with teachers and school staff to discuss school experience and best practices. Focus on student placement, college readiness, and language development programs. LEAP's language program and services for new comers has received several awards. Including teacher of the year!

Remarks by:

Michelle Benegas, *Assistant Professor, Second Language Teaching and Learning, Hamline University*

Ann Mabbott, *Professor, Advanced Degrees and Administrative Licensure, Hamline University*

Presentation topic: Student assessment, English language program models, and professional development and training of staff working with newly arrived immigrant and refugee populations in their schools.

**6:00-8:00pm**

**Midtown Global Market, Tour and Dinner**

*920 E Lake St, Minneapolis, MN 55407*

Midtown Global Market gives new and emerging entrepreneurs, many of them low income and recent immigrants, a prime location and support to build a business and a future – for themselves, their families, and their employees. They exist to develop and maintain a public market that builds upon the economic, social and cultural assets within the surrounding communities and welcomes the diverse peoples of this community to share and celebrate together the healthy foods, arts, crafts and other aspects of their heritage.



**Saturday, October 29, 2016**

**Community Organizations as Educational Partners**

**8:30-9:30am**

**Breakfast and Debrief**

*The Commons Hotel, Think 4 Room*

Review 'take-aways' from the day before. Reflect on resources and ideas that have potential for Fellows' own schools and community.

**10:00 am-12:00pm**

**Islamic Resource Group, "Working with the American Muslim Community" Workshop**

*The Commons Hotel, Think 4 Room*

The Islamic Resource Group workshop will give administrators an overview of the Minnesota Muslim community and culture. The main focus of the workshop is on how to respectfully incorporate Islamic culture studies into the curriculum and to provide educators with tools to better interact with Muslim students and parents. This will be a "practical" workshop whereby the Fellows can bring information back to their countries on best practices.

**12:30-1:30pm**

**Lunch**

*Caspian Bistro*

*2418 University Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414*

**2:00-5:00pm**

**Iraqi Voices**

*Landmark Center*

*75 5<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Paul, MN, 55102*

Screening of a documentary film on Iraqi refugees and the Iraqi-American experience in Minnesota. The documentary includes a profile on a public school administrator that becomes the first Muslim woman to win an election in Minnesota.

Panel

A panel with the movie director and other Iraqi-Americans featured in the film will follow the film.

**Evening**

**Dinner**

**Multiple Locations**

Family dinners with University faculty (two program participants in each home)



**Sunday, October 30, 2016**

**Theme: College Access and The Culture of the Twin Cities**

**8:00-8:30am**

**Breakfast and Debrief**

***The Commons Hotel, Think 4 Room***

Review 'take-aways' from Friday's site visits and sessions. Reflect on resources and ideas that have potential for Fellows' own schools and community.

**8:45-10:00am**

**City of Lakes AmeriCorps Presentation**

***The Commons Hotel, Think 4 Room***

City of Lakes AmeriCorps works in schools in the community to provide language learning and support to refugees and new immigrants.

Remarks by:

Lisa Lambert, Program Director, City of Lakes AmeriCorps

**10:00-11:30am**

**Minneapolis LEAP Project, Destination: Diploma to Degree**

***The Commons Hotel, Think 4 Room***

This presentation will focus on college access programs. Information will be shared on programs and services to support historically under-represented students' access to higher education.

Remarks by:

Kristy Snyder, LEAP Project Director, Project for Pride in Living (PPL), Minneapolis Community and Technical College

**11:30am-1:00pm**

**Lunch**

***Aster Café OR BeWitched***

**1:00-2:30pm**

**Washburn Mill Tour**

***Mill City Museum***

*704 S 2nd St, Minneapolis, MN 55401*

Mill City Museum is a Minnesota Historical Society museum in Minneapolis. It opened in 2003, built in the ruins of the Washburn "A" Mill next to Mill Ruins Park on the banks of the Mississippi River. Fellows will have a tour of the museum, learn about the history of the Twin Cities, and explore the area including the Mississippi River and Guthrie Theater.

**2:30 Onward**

**Free Time and Optional Minneapolis Events**

Enjoy the city for the rest of the day

**Monday, October 31, 2016**

**Supporting Immigrant and Refugee Students**

**7:30-8:15am**

**Breakfast and Debrief**

***The Commons Hotel, Think 4 Room***

Review 'take-aways' from Friday's site visits and sessions. Reflect on resources and ideas that have potential for Fellows' own schools and communities.



### 8:30-10:00am

#### **Presentation by Police Force**

##### ***The Commons Hotel, Think 4 Room***

Panelists include police officers, sergeants, and police-school liaisons, who will share information on how the police force and schools work together to support immigrant and refugee students. They will also discuss after-school programs and other community initiatives that promote civic engagement.

### 10:30-11:30am

#### **Panel Presentation by Local School Administrators**

##### ***University of Minnesota, Walter Library Room 402***

##### Remarks by:

Jean Quam, *Dean, College of Education and Human Development, University of Minnesota*

##### Panel

Local school administrators will share information about their schools and school districts, as well as programs that target immigrant and historically underrepresented students. Panel participants will be invited to share their experiences as school leaders.

##### Panel Moderator:

Katie Pikel, *Principal in Residence, MN Principals Academy, College of Education and Human Development, University of Minnesota*

### 12:00-1:00pm

#### **Lunch**

##### ***University of Minnesota***

### 1:15-2:15pm

#### **Roundtable Discussion with Fellows and MN Administrators**

##### ***University of Minnesota, Upson Room***

The round table discussion is designed to provide administrators with additional opportunities to share ideas, resources, and experiences.

### 2:30-4:00pm

#### **Site Visit, Thomas Edison High School**

##### ***700 22nd Ave NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418***

##### Tour

Observe in the classroom, and meet with teachers and school staff to discuss school experience and best practices.

##### Panel Presentation

Panel participants will include teachers and students. They will share their experiences at Edison, information on the language program and other services for language learners. Panelists will also discuss their "Check & Connect Student Engagement" program and other offerings that support student achievement.

### Evening

#### **Halloween Festivities and Jazz Performance**

##### ***Local neighborhood/Dakota Jazz Club***

##### Optional Halloween Festivities

Observe Trick or Treating and other Halloween festivities in a local neighborhood.

##### Optional Minneapolis cultural event at the Dakota Jazz Club

*Davina and the Vagabonds* have grown from a down-and-dirty blues band into one of the most exciting acoustic ensembles on the international stage. With influences ranging from Fats Domino and the Preservation Hall Jazz Band to Aretha Franklin and Tom Waits, the band draws from the last 100 years of American music, and is converting audiences one show at a time. So much more than just a blues act, DATV's shows are filled with New Orleans charm, Memphis soul swagger, dark theatrical moments that evoke Kurt Weill, and tender gospel passages.



**Tuesday, November 1, 2016**

**Travel Day**

**7:00-8:00am**

**Breakfast**

*The Commons Hotel, Think 4 Room*