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# AASA Learning 2025 Network Happenings for the Week of December 19, 2023

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**Wishing each of you good health, peace and happiness in the new year!**

A wonderful [holiday video](#) from Mike Lubelfeld and students.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AASA Learning 2025 Professional Learning Series

**Please note, starting in January we will move the series to a new time.**

**January 4, 2024**

**1:00 - 2:00 PM ET/12:00 - 1:00 PM CT/10:00 - 11:00 AM PT**

Thought Leader: Alex Kotran, Co-Founder & CEO, AI Education Project/AIEDU

Lighthouse System Showcase: Huntley Community School District, Nurturing 21st Century Learners; Jessica Lombard Interim Superintendent, and Amy MacCrindle Assistant Superintendent  
[Lighthouse Vignette](#)

[Register Now](#)

*Even if you cannot attend in person on the first Thursday afternoon, **Register** and you will receive the recording.*

## NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

### Wonder with Us

Save the dates for amazing conversations with colleagues and with Coauthors Gregg Behr and Ryan Rydzewski



Once per month from January through May 2024, join The Grable Foundation's Gregg Behr and Ryan Rydzewski for a virtual discussion about the most intriguing, thought-provoking ideas in public education and beyond. The authors of *When You Wonder, You're Learning: Mister Rogers' Enduring Lessons for Raising Creative, Curious, Caring Kids*, Gregg and Ryan will bring you together with big thinkers to wonder about the future — and about helping every learner become the best of whomever they can be.

All times 3pm Eastern:

Registration Links:

[Thursday, January 18](#)

[Thursday, February 22](#)

[Thursday, March 21](#)

[Thursday, April 25](#)

[Thursday, May 23](#)

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### NCE Networking Opportunities

#### *Learning 2025 Network Winter Convening on February 14, 2024, 12 - 4 PM PST*

Our luncheon speaker will be Co-founder and CEO of AIEDU.org, Alex Kotran. Alex and his team at nonprofit AI Education Project are working to bring critical and fundamental knowledge about artificial intelligence to schools. AIEDU has developed a self-guided online 'Introduction to AI' course, backed by the learning sciences, with culturally-relevant pedagogy and game- and project-based learning, free for school districts to use.

Breakout sessions will feature Learning 2025 Superintendents.

**Bring your team! Celebrate your colleagues!**

**[Click here to RSVP](#) to join us from 12 - 4 PM PST on February 14!**

Marriott San Diego Marquis Grand Ballroom 5 and 6

Honoring Lighthouse Designated Systems and Systems to Watch

[Lighthouse Designated Systems Fall 2023](#)

**Beaver Area School District: Superintendent Mark Holtzman**

**Hermiston School District: Superintendent Tricia Mooney**

**Montrose County School District: Superintendent Carrie Stephenson**

**Seneca Valley School District: Superintendent Tracy Vitale**

***Thursday, February 15, 2024 Lunch with the Authors***

Open for Learning 2025 participants. The authors of *When You Wonder, You're Learning: Mister Rogers' Enduring Lessons for Raising Creative, Curious, Caring Kids*, Gregg and Ryan will share their thoughts of Mister Roger's work on education today and will provide opportunity for casual conversation with them.

[Register for Lunch with the Authors](#)

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**Forge Futures for Youth, Educators, and Families: A National Summit on Community-Wide Learning**

**May 7, 8, 9, 2024 in Pittsburgh, PA**

**May 7 Convening for Learning 2025 Superintendents**

**May 8 & 9 National Summit**

On May 8-9 AASA and the Grable Foundation will host an important meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania as we *Forge Futures for Youth, Educators, and Families: A National Summit on Community-Wide Learning*. You should have received a letter from AASA's Dave Schuler and the Grable Foundation's Gregg Behr inviting you to attend. As they wrote,

*We expect boldness. We intend to explore the limits of what's possible. We intend to engage you actively—this won't be a conference marked by plenaries. Rather, with help from futurists and teachers, learning scientists and youth, we will immerse ourselves in highly curated learning experiences; and then we'll roll up our sleeves and hammer out some collective moonshots to make learning more engaging, relevant, and equitable for today's young people. So, please join us. As a leading advocate for just and innovative learning, your leadership and voice are indispensable — and we know you'll bring the fire to help us forge ahead.*

Please register to attend May 8 & 9 [here](#).

In advance of the National Town Hall, **Learning 2025 Superintendents are encouraged to join us on May 7** for a luncheon and afternoon of learning with one another. We will meet at the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh. Drs. John Malloy, Superintendent in San Ramon Valley, VA and Jamie Meade of Battelle for Kids, will be our keynote speakers. We will follow with facilitated discussions with one another about how you and other Demonstration Systems in Learning 2025 Network are building more *Student-Centered, Equity-Focused and Future-Driven* education.

[Please register here for the May 7](#) luncheon and learning session.

Questions: Contact [Vtruesdale@aasa.org](mailto:Vtruesdale@aasa.org). 703.7746930

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**Site Visits**

AASA is hosting site visits this year to see Learner-Centered redesign in action. We encourage Superintendents and their teams to consider attending:

**Gwinnett County School District** – Strategic Planning Site Visit - [Registration Link](#)  
**San Ramon Valley Unified School District** - Summit - [Registration Link](#)

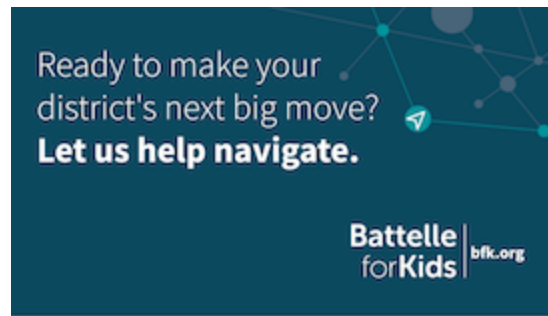
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**Battelle**forKids



As a district leader deeply engaged in the work of spreading and scaling your district's vision, there are many issues you face on a daily basis.

Here are a just a few of those pain points that likely stand out:

- First, Portrait to Practice – how do you create meaningful classroom experiences that bring your vision for 21st century learning to life, making your district's vision—the Portrait of a Graduate—a reality for all students?
- Second, Human Capital – how do you align, find, grow, and keep the people who will bring the vision to life?
- Finally, Community Engagement – how do rally your community around the vision—the Portrait of a Graduate—and engage your stakeholders to build and sustain momentum?

**Battelle for Kids can help.** We've worked with hundreds of districts across the country to co-create and implement solutions to the big issues leaders face today.

As you prepare for the new year ahead, we would love to have a conversation to discuss how we can support your next big move.

Learn more: [bfknavigates.org/connect](https://bfknavigates.org/connect)

## RESOURCES

### AASA Leadership Network Services

As a benefit of participation in the AASA Learning 2025 Network, **each Demonstration System** receives complimentary membership in **one** of AASA's cohorts to join (value of \$2000/\$2500). Once you submit your form, we will register the superintendent or listed designee, and he or she will start receiving information from that cohort's program lead.

2023-24 AASA Learning 2025 Network Cohort Choice



We all know that board and community support is key when trying to make improvements in a district. As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting you in creating meaningful education transformation, we've put together some tools to make getting stakeholder buy-in a bit easier.

The NEW **AASA Learning 2025 Communications Toolkit** Includes:

**FAQs and Talking Points** to help you explain what Learning 2025 is (and what it isn't) to your board, staff, community and the media

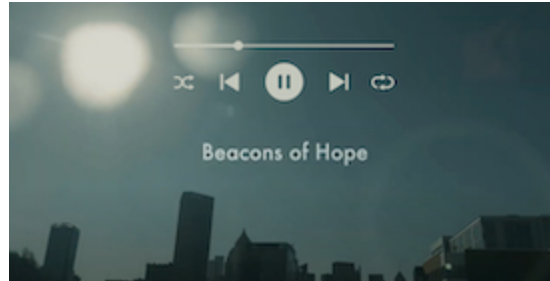
**Presentation Templates** for board and staff meetings

**Progress Report Template** for sharing successes with key stakeholders

**Press Release Template** to communicate announcements  
**Email Templates** for the board, staff and parents  
**Sample Website Content and Images**  
**Sample Social Media Posts**

## AASA LEARNING 2025 PARTNERS

### [Beacons of Hope - Remake Learning](#)



### [Beacons of Hope - Part 2](#)

An alliance of 34 public school districts, the Western Pennsylvania Learning 2025 Alliance, advances student-centered, equity-focused, future-driven school systems that prepare every learner for tomorrow. Co-led by Pittsburgh-area superintendents and AASA, the School Superintendents Association, the Alliance convenes for workshops and professional development facilitated by world-class experts. With support from The Grable Foundation, these 34 districts are reimagining education and showing the world what school could be.

### **ReMake Learning Days**

Want to learn more?

- [About](#) Remake Learning Days
- Media [coverage](#) from 2023
- [Pop-Up](#) events
- Instructive “how-to” [videos](#)

You’ll find so much more – more toolkits, more examples, more inspiration – as you surf around [www.remakelearningdays.org](http://www.remakelearningdays.org)

And it’s time to submit events for the 2024 edition of Remake Learning Days!  
[Event Submission Page](#)

### **Important Dates:**

**January 19, 2024:** Deadline for [event submissions](#)

**February 23, 2024:** Deadline for events submitted to be included in promotional and marketing materials

**April 20-May 31, 2024:** Remake Learning Days! Post and follow #RemakeDays.



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## CONTACTS

**Do you have feedback you'd like to share with our AASA Learning 2025 team about how we can support you and your team?**

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### Our Mission/Our Commitment

*The LEARNING 2025 leadership team and strategic mentors engage communities, staff, and boards in discussions about strategies to address existing and perceived barriers to district transformation. Many of the challenges we face are not problems that have an obvious or quick answer; rather, they are challenges, conundrums, and polarities that need to be navigated. We are committed to involving all stakeholders in identifying, managing, and breaking those barriers so that leaders can focus on the whole system.*



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