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# Fwd: AASA Learning 2025 Network Happenings for the Week of January 9, 2024

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## AASA Learning 2025 Network Happenings for the Week of January 9, 2024

Happy New Year!

Our ongoing commitment is to offer opportunities for networking with one another and other thought leaders. We continue to modify our services to you based upon your feedback.

Some key networking changed and opportunities:

- Our first Thursdays Professional Learning Series will change in format and focus. The overarching theme will be Belonging, Connecting, Engaging in a World of Machine Learning. We will provide increased participation and interaction.
- Collaboration:
  - Wonder with Us
  - February 14 in San Diego

- o February 15 in San Diego, Lunch with the Authors (for Learning 2025 Systems only)
- o 10 Dedicated Breakout Sessions at NCE
- o May 7, 8 & 9 Town Hall at the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh, PA
- o Cohort Participation and In-Person Summits
- o Emerging Research Projects: Leadership; Absenteeism and SEL
- o Opportunity to be part of no cost district dashboard pilot

**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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## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Come Wonder With Gregg Behr and Ryan Rydzewski on Thursday, January 18, 3PM ET/12PM PT to explore**

***Are Smartphones and Social Media Hurting Our Students?***

Join us as we wonder with Dr. Jean Twenge: a psychologist and bestselling author whose work grapples with some of the most vexing questions that face our schools today. Since the 2017 publication of "[Have Smartphones Destroyed a Generation?](#)" — Dr. Twenge's explosive cover story for *The Atlantic* — she's become the nation's go-to expert in the debate over technology's effect on young people. Her latest book, *Generations*, casts new light on the troubling rise in mental health issues among teens and adolescents, with insights essential for superintendents and school administrators.

Pre-Readings:

[Column: Do phones hurt kids' mental health? SDSU researcher says yes](#)

[Have Smartphones Destroyed a Generation?](#)

Register Now

You are invited to virtual discussions with The Grable Foundation's Gregg Behr and Ryan Rydzewski, the authors of *When You Wonder, You're Learning: Mister Rogers' Enduring Lessons for Raising Creative, Curious, Caring Kids*.

All times 3pm Eastern:

Registration Links:

[Thursday, January 18](#)  
[Thursday, February 22](#)  
[Thursday, March 21](#)  
[Thursday, April 25](#)  
[Thursday, May 23](#)

**AASA Learning 2025 Professional Learning Series**



Please note, **New Time! 1PM EST/12PM CT/10AM PT**

**February 1, 2024**

Belonging, Connecting, Engaging in a World of Machine Learning

Thought Leader: Tara Natrass, Managing Director, Innovation Strategy, ISTE

Lighthouse System Showcase: Wilder School District; Students as Co-Authors: Removing Barriers, Empowering Learners; Jeff Dillon, Superintendent

[Register Now](#)

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

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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 Convening for Learning 2025 Superintendents**

**May 8 & 9 National Summit**

AASA and the Grable Foundation will host an important meeting in Pittsburgh, PA. Please register to attend May 8 & 9 [here](#).

**Learning 2025 Superintendents are encouraged to join us on May 7 for a afternoon of learning with one another starting at 2 pm.** We will have facilitated discussions 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](#) and learning session.

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

## NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES



Identify the big moves needed in your next strategic plan. Battelle for Kids helps leaders identify and develop the strategies and action plans that will bring their community's vision to life. Our process is anchored by each school district's vision—the Portrait of a Graduate.

Discover the power of our strategic planning process, fueled by varied perspectives, responsiveness to student needs, and fostering ownership and action.

Let's embark on this strategic planning journey together! Contact Jeff at [jeff@bfk.org](mailto:jeff@bfk.org) or schedule an introductory call [here](#).

## AASA LEARNING 2025 RESOURCES



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**

## Artificial Intelligence: Implications for Educational Leaders Series

Webinars were moderated by AASA's Executive Director, Dr. David Schuler. Click on the date to access the webinars and material in Canvas.

[March 2, 2023](#) **Artificial Intelligence in Education: The Urgency and Opportunity**, with Keith Krueger, CoSN, Alex Kotran, AI Education Project, AIEDU

[May 31, 2023](#) **What is the K-12 Risk and Opportunity in Generative AI?** with Pete Just, CoSN and Joseph South, ISTE

[June 7, 2023](#) **Demystifying AI and What It Means for Schools** with Richard Culatta, ISTE and Diane Doersch, Digital Promise

[June 14, 2023](#) **Adding AI to Educators' Toolkits**, with Jeremy Rochelle, Digital Promise and Kim Alexander and Rachael McClain, Collegiate Education-Nation

[November 2, 2023](#) **Generative AI** with John Bailey of American Enterprise Institute

[January 4, 2024](#) **AIEDU Project** with Alex Konrad

### AASA LEARNING 2025 PARTNERS



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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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