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# AASA Learning 2025 Network Happenings for the Week of November 21, 2023

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Dear Colleagues,

The season of gratitude focuses our attention on giving thanks; yet, we appreciate each of you every day throughout the year. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all educators.

Your unwavering commitment to serving all learners and being part of regional and national conversations about the future of education is inspiring. This Thanksgiving, we celebrate your dedication and vision, recognizing the tireless efforts put forth in shaping a brighter future for our learners.

May this time of reflection and appreciation rejuvenate your spirits, give you time to relax, breathe, take care of yourself, family and friends.

Wishing you and your communities a joyous, peaceful, and healthy Thanksgiving.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Learning 2025 Professional Learning Series Feedback

We value the time you share with us during our Learning 2025 First Thursday Professional Learning Series and want to be able to provide this learning service at the most convenient time. We appreciate your feedback to this short survey.

[Take the Survey](#)

### 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 whoever they are. Wonder with us!

All times 3pm Eastern:

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

### AASA Learning 2025 Professional Learning Series

**December 7, 2023**  
**4:00 - 5:00 PM ET**



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

Thought Leaders: Gregg Behr, Grable Foundation and Tyler Samstag, ReMake Learning

Lighthouse System Showcase: California Area School District, Personalized Learning Through Systematic Redesign: Laura Jacob, Superintendent

Interactive Discussion Leader: Ken Wallace, Superintendent, Maine Township, IL

Register Now

### 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:

- Mesa School District** – Next Education Workforce Site Visit – [Link to Registration page on ASU site](#)
- Gwinnett County School District** – Strategic Planning Site Visit - [Registration Link](#)

[View All Learning 2025 In-Person Events](#)

[View All AASA Profesional Learning Upcoming Programming & Events](#)



### Learning 2025 Summer Summit

AASA Learning 2025 Network is pleased to announce the SUMMER SUMMIT! We are partnering with the Model Schools Conference this year on June 23-26 in Orlando, FL. At that time, Learning 2025 Demonstration Systems will gather for our Summer Summit. The Pre-conference on Sunday, June 23, is dedicated to Learning 2025 teams. Attendees will have access to all Model Schools Conference sessions with facilitated opportunities to convene and reflect throughout Conference at a dedicated Learning 2025 meeting space. Plan to attend!

Register through the [regular MSC process](#)--Learning 2025 Network members receive 25% off registration using discount code **AASAlearning25!**

## 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**

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### **AASA Learning 2025 Lighthouse Demonstration Systems**

AASA is excited to announce the new school systems that have been recognized as Learning 2025 "Lighthouse" Demonstration Systems! These districts stand as beacons of positive transformation in public education.

*The Fall 2023 Learning 2025 Lighthouse Systems are:*

- [Beaver Area School District](#), Beaver, Pa; Superintendent: Mark Holtzman
- [Hermiston School District](#), Hermiston, Ore.; Superintendent: Tricia Mooney
- [Montrose County School District](#), Montrose, Colo.; Superintendent: Carrie Stephenson
- [Seneca Valley School District](#), Harmony, Pa.; Superintendent: Tracy Vitale

The selected designates are members of [AASA's Learning 2025 Network](#), a cadre of over 150 demonstration systems representing forward-driven districts collaborating and learning to improve student outcomes across the country.

These systems are implementing bold, actionable steps on behalf of their school community!

[Read Full Press Release](#)

### **AASA LEARNING 2025 PARTNERS**

#### **Beacons of Hope - Remake Learning**

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.



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## **Battelle**forKids



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).

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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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