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

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Dear Colleagues,

We trust that your start to the school year has been positive and calm. Please know that your AASA team is always here to provide support, resources, or a friendly ear.

Your feedback about our Thursday sessions is welcome. Our goal is to provide you with national perspectives and examples of local excellence through the ongoing offering of networking with one another. If you have some ideas about how we can improve this time together, please send Ann, Valerie, or me a note. Our through line for our professional learning series is leadership: what thoughts do our speakers have about how to move their districts forward? What did they learn in the journey?

At the end of last month's discussion, several of us stayed on the zoom to talk... casually about the session we just listened to and informally about topics of interest. Starting in October, we'd like to offer those of you who are interested the opportunity to stay on the zoom for continued conversation.

Be sure to look at opportunities for site visits in the notes below. These are exciting additions to our time together. If you haven't selected your cohort yet, be sure to contact Debbie Magee, DMagee@aasa.org.

See you soon,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

AASA Learning 2025 Professional Learning Series

Mark your calendars to join Dave Schuler and Ann Levett for Learning 2025 Professional Learning Series on the first Thursday of each month from 4-5 pm EST/1-2 pm PST.

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

October 5, 2023



Future Ready Strategies: Shari Camhi, Superintendent, Baldwin Union Free School District, NY
Academic Success, Real World Experiences, Lighthouse System Showcase: Philip Martell, Superintendent, River Valley School District

Interactive Discussion Leader: Kimberly Cantu, Superintendent, Mansfield School District, TX

Your district Learning 2025 team members are invited to attend this learning opportunity!

Register Now

AASA Lighthouse System Application

Interested in applying to be designated as an AASA Lighthouse Demonstration System?

Leaders are invited to apply for AASA Learning 2025 Lighthouse System designation. A Reflection Guide is provided to share the rubric and lead consideration of progress toward redesign components. The reflection Guide and Application are also posted in AASA Learning 2025 Canvas course.

Applications are due **October 3** with AASA Lighthouse Demonstration System designations announced **November 1**.

[Learning 2025 System Reflection Guide](#)

LIGHTHOUSE DESIGNATION APPLICATION

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:

Cajon Valley Unified School District – World of Work Site Visit - [Registration Link](#)
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](#)
Advancing Rural Education Cohort - Site Visit - [Registration Link](#)

Speaking of Rural, did you know AASA has an Advancing Rural Education Cohort?

Join us for the 2023-24 Kick Off Meeting September 20th from 2 - 3 PM EST/ 11 - 12 PST

Register [here](#) for event.

If you would like to join the Advancing Rural Education Cohort for monthly virtual meetings, click [here](#).

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

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

ASU/GSV Summit April 14-17, 2024 in San Diego

Again this year, Global Silicon Valley (GSV) and Arizona State University (ASU) are providing scholarships for AASA Learning 2025 Network to the ASU/GSV Summit in San Diego

<https://www.asugsvsummit.com/>

We can nominate 30 Superintendents for scholarships that include registration plus housing

AASA has been invited to nominate an additional 65 Superintendents for registration only to ASU/GSV Summit. Note that GSV has requested that we nominate Superintendents first and if there are additional scholarships for registration only, GSV will consider Assistant Superintendents. Please respond **on the form here** as soon as possible, but no later than October 15. Questions?

Contact vtruesdale@aasa.org

Effie H. Jones Humanitarian Award: Nominations Open!

Presented annually at the AASA National Conference on Education, the **Dr. Effie H. Jones Humanitarian Award** honors AASA members who have advanced the status of women and other underrepresented groups in education. Nominated members must demonstrate commitment to the advancement and mentorship of women and underrepresented groups in positions of leadership and/or to address social justice issues among children, youth and adults in schools.

*Nominations are due by **October 31, 2023.***

[Learn More](#) [Nomination Form](#)



ICYMI: Hot Topic Articles!

[What Teachers Need to Know About AI, But Don't](#)

[Helping Kids Mini Grant Applications Now Open](#)

[Executive Insights: Remake Learning on igniting educational success across the region](#)

[Nominations Open for the Effie H. Jones Humanitarian Award](#)

[Applications Open for Two Awards Recognizing Female Leaders](#)

[Rural District Leaders: Take this survey to help protect investments in rural education](#)

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). Below is a link for each cohort's webpage to help you learn about AASA's many cohorts and choose one. 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. Come learn and grow with colleagues!

[2023-24 AASA Learning 2025 Network Cohort Choice](#)

AASA enjoys partnerships with many educational associations, including the Consortium for School Networking (CoSN). Jointly with AASA, CoSN has an EmpowerED Superintendent Advisory Council, chaired for many years by David Schuler, now by Aaron Spence and Carol Kelley. Check out resources available to you and your team on hot technology topics such as, [Artificial Intelligence & Generative AI](#)

You can learn from 11 other valuable CoSN/AASA "one pagers" at [Resources for the EmpowerED Superintendent](#)

Questions? Contact vtruesdale@aasa.org

AASA LEARNING 2025 PARTNERS

Executive Insights: Remake Learning on igniting educational success across the region

How the Western Pennsylvania Learning 2025 Alliance — in partnership with Remake Learning — is bringing families, community organizations and innovative school districts together to create a new learning landscape. [Read more - Pittsburgh Business Journal](#)

[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.



Battelle for Kids



“We have a Portrait of a Graduate. Now what?”

Each school system’s journey is unique. But learning from the stories of other districts can inspire—and accelerate—your work. We are honored to share [examples of district bringing their Portrait of a Graduate to life](#) for every student, every day.

Ready to activate your Portrait? Start a conversation by emailing info@bfkspn.org.



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?

Contact any of your AASA Learning 2025 Network team:

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Our Mission/Our Commitment

The LEARNING 2025 leadership team and mentors/consultants 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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