



MESPA INSTITUTE 2024

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February 7-9 | Radisson Blu in Bloomington

Strands

- Leadership
- School Culture
- Equity
- Instruction
- Wellness

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DAY 1: Wednesday, February 7

9:00am	Registration Opens	
9:00-10:30am	Principal Mentorship Program	Minnetonka B
9:45-10:45am	Board of Directors Meeting	Minnetonka C
11:00-11:45am	Early Bird Exhibit Viewing	
11:00-11:45am	Committee and Division Meetings	
	<i>Southeast Division</i>	<i>Minnetonka A</i>
	<i>Saint Paul Division</i>	<i>Minnetonka C</i>
	<i>Educational Advisory</i>	<i>Cedar</i>
	<i>North Suburban Division</i>	<i>Nokomis A</i>
	<i>Central Division</i>	<i>Nokomis B</i>
	<i>East Suburban Division</i>	<i>Nokomis C</i>
	<i>Northeast Division</i>	<i>Harriet</i>
11:45am-12:30pm	Lunch	Lakes Ballroom
12:30-1:00pm	Welcome and Opening Skit Co-hosts Katy Schuerman and Leah Hack	
1:00-2:30pm	 Keynote: Dr. Mary Hemphill <i>The One Minute Meeting: Creating Student Stakeholders In Schools</i>	Lakes Ballroom
2:30-3:00pm	Exhibit Viewing and Dessert	
2:45-4:00pm	Retired Principals of MESPA Reception	Lakes Ballroom A

3:00pm - 4:00pm • BREAKOUT BLOCK 1

 **Social Responsibility: The Intersection of Restorative Practices, Social Emotional Learning, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports and Culturally Responsive Instruction**

Minnetonka A

Heidi Koury, Mary Rose

 **Importance of Leadership Development, Coaching, and Mentoring for Educational Leaders**

Minnetonka B

Dr. Carondrea Hines, Connie Hytjan

 **How to Focus on What Matters**


Minnetonka C

Dr. Todd Van Erp

 **Improving Literacy Achievement Through a Structural and Programmatic Tier II MTSS Change**


Cedar

Jeff Johnson

 **Innovations in the Science of Reading: Welcome to Magnetic Reading**


Nokomis A

Brooklin Trover

 **Transforming Schools Together: A Roadmap to Inclusive Equitable Excellence**


Nokomis B

Dr. Gail Ghere, Dr. Jessica Bowman, Jennifer Sommersness

 **Has Anyone Ever Asked Why? An Exploration of Factors Influencing Disparities in Black Student Achievement**


Nokomis C

Markus Flynn

 **The State of The Principalship in MN - Initial Findings from the 2023 MN Principals Survey**

Lakes Ballroom

Dr. Katie Pekel, Maura Weyandt

 **The Listening Leader: Creating the Conditions for Equitable School Transformation – From Text to Action**


Harriet

Ann Mitchell

4:00-4:15pm


Exhibit Viewing

4:15-5:15pm • BREAKOUT BLOCK 2

 **Let's Agree That the Simple View of Reading is Just Too Simple: Using ALL of the Science to Support Reading and Writing for ALL Students**


Minnetonka A

Nancy Remmert, Jeff Johnson, Zane McInroy

 **Tips and Tools for Managing Yourself (So you can manage EVERYTHING else)**

Minnetonka B

Dr. Nancy Flynn

 **Implementing Equitable Systems of Talent Development for Elementary Students in Computer Science**

Minnetonka C

Liam Dawson, Wendy Behrens, Sarah Carter, Lydia Ommott

More breakouts on the next page!

4:15-5:15pm • BREAKOUT BLOCK 2, continued



5 Levels of Leadership

Cedar

Jerry Hanson



The Superintendency: What it is, How to Obtain it, and How to Remain in it

Nokomis C

Dr. John Ward, Barb Dorn



Innovation through Outdoor Education and STEM

Nokomis A

Melissa Hesch, Deanne Trottier



Discipline Impact on Black and Latina Students

Harriet

Martine Haglund

Daring Leadership



Nokomis B

Nicole Snedden

5:15-5:30pm

Exhibit Viewing

5:30-6:30pm

Reception

Lakes Ballroom

Hors d'Oeuvres and Cash Bar

6:30pm

MESPA Networking Social

Nokomis A, B, C

DAY 2: Thursday, February 8

7:15-8:00am

Committee Meetings
Financial Awareness
School of Excellence
Communications
EPAC/Legislative

Minnetonka A
Minnetonka B
Minnetonka C
Cedar

8:00-8:45am

Breakfast
Read Act Update and Q&A with MDE Assit. Commissioner, of Teaching and Learning, Bobbie Burham and Dr. Kim Gibbons from the U of M (during breakfast)

Lakes Ballroom

8:45-8:50am

Welcome

Lakes Ballroom

8:50-10:20am



Keynote: Dr. Joe Sanfelippo
Changing the Narrative

Lakes Ballroom

10:20-10:30am


Book Giveaway
The Right Thing to Do, The Joe Mauer Story
by Joe Schmit


Lakes Ballroom


10:30-11:00am


Exhibit Viewing


11:00am-12:00pm • BREAKOUT BLOCK 3


 **Unraveling the Reading Rope for All Learners**
Minnetonka A
Katie Lewis, Karen Soeltz, Kathleen Tirakian


 **Share YOUR Story!**
Nokomis A
Joe Beckman


 **Engagement, Energy, and Excitement: Easy Strategies to Deepen Your School Culture**
Minnetonka B
Justin Kiel, Libby Zeman

 **Goosebumps and Tears- How to Live a Life Filled with Passion and Purpose**
Nokomis B
Ken Essay

 **Using Fluency Data to Improve Reading Proficiency Within an MTSS Framework**
Minnetonka C
Emily Cassellius

 **Inquiry-Based Learning and the Science of Reading**
Nokomis C
Robert Corkill, Scott Mader

 **Recalibrate Your PLCs**
Cedar
Gabe Hackett

 **Leading from Within: Nurturing Self to Empower Others**
Harriet
Dr. Brennan Kent, Mitchell Kent

12:00-12:30pm

Lunch

Lakes Ballroom

12:30-2pm




Keynote: Ross Bernstein
The Champion's Code


Lakes Ballroom


2:00-2:30pm


Exhibit Viewing and Dessert
*Last time to see exhibitors,
make sure to fill out your Bingo card!*


2:30pm-3:30pm • BREAKOUT BLOCK 4

 **Non-Exclusionary Discipline 102**
Minnetonka A
Gregg Campbell

 **Everything Speaks: Uncovering Hidden Messages Around School Culture and Student Experience**
Cedar
Andrew Skinner


 **Building a Team so Strong They Can't Point Out the Leader**
Minnetonka B
Curt Slater


 **Teaching For Change: Putting Social Justice into Action in the Classroom**
Nokomis A
Shannon Dodson, Allie Duellman, Megan Tulia


 **Innovative Principal Strategies**
Minnetonka C
Dr. Dave Webb, Terry Bretoi, Susie Prather


More breakouts on the next page!

2:30pm-3:30pm • BREAKOUT BLOCK 4, continued

 **Financial Wellness**
Nokomis B
James Gilbert


 **Culture Reset: Stronger Together!**
Lakes Ballroom B, C, D
Tracy Reimer, Amy Grice, Amy McGuire


 **A Plan to Increase Literacy Skills for Elementary Students on IEP's**
Nokomis C
Becky Robinson, Mari Neurer


 **Effective Practices in Implementing Literacy Interventions for Upper Elementary Students**
Harriet
Sam Pearson


 **BIPOC Affinity Group**
Lakes Ballroom A


3:45pm-4:45pm • BREAKOUT BLOCK 5


 **Achieving Success with MTSS: Supporting Students in ALL Tiers of Instruction**
Minnetonka A
Jennifer Thomas


 **Leadership Excellence: Nurturing Aspiring Principals Through an Equity Lens**
Nokomis A
Jessica Lawson, Kelsey Clark


 **How Do School Leaders Create a Positive Culturally Relevant School Culture?**
Minnetonka B
John Bjoraker, Heidi George

 **A Framework for an Aligned Approach to Instructional Leadership: Key Partnerships for Evidence-Based Literacy Instruction**
Nokomis B
Matt Menier, Cynthia Mueller

 **Reimagining Data-Driven Instruction**
Minnetonka C
Brett Lobben, Dr. Quannel Cooper

 **The BARR Story: Strengthening MTSS and Changing School Culture**
Nokomis C
Stephen Gorde, Kelly Hoskins

 **Principal Resilience: Constructing Strength Amidst Challenges**
Cedar
Tracy Frederick Corcoran

 **Non-Exclusionary Discipline: Differentiated Discipline for Elementary Schools**
Harriet
Angela McQuinn

MESPYS AWARDS BANQUET

5:15-6:00pm

Prime Rib Meal and Cash Bar

Lakes Ballroom


6:00-7:30pm

Awards Program

Lakes Ballroom

DAY 3: Friday, February 9

All events take place in the Lakes Ballroom

- 7:15-8:45am** Breakfast
- 8:00-8:45am** MESPA Annual Meeting
- 8:45-9:30am** Legislative Update with Roger Aronson
- 9:30-10:00am** MESPA Speaks
- Salma Hussein
Believe, Belong, Become: Leading with Love and Equity as an Elementary School Principal
- Ken Essay
Goosebumps and Tears: How to Live a Life Filled with Passion and Purpose
- 10:00-11:30am**  Keynote: Allyson Apsey
Unlocking Excellence: The 5 Pillars of Great Principals
- 11:30am-12pm** Closing and Prize Drawings
Prizes worth \$1,000+
Must be present to win

General Information

Contribute to EPAC

The Elementary Principals' Action Committee (EPAC) is the political action arm of MESPA and raises funds to support candidates whose efforts and priorities align with MESPA's legislative priorities.



Suggested
Donation: \$40

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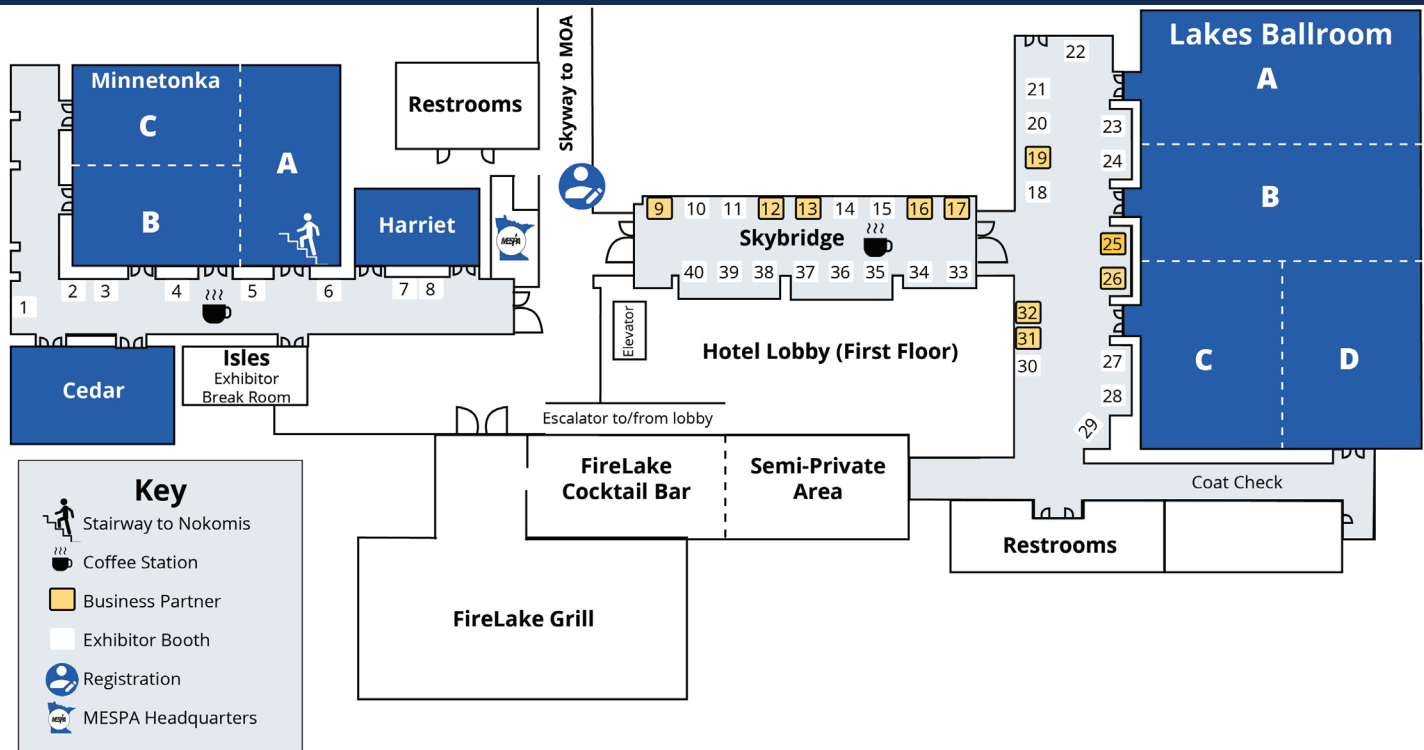
Earn 13 CEUs by filling out our evaluation at the end of the conference. You'll receive an email with the evaluation on Friday morning.

Meals

The QR code on your name badge is your meal ticket. Scan your QR code to receive a meal or to go through the buffet line.

Need a meal ticket? Purchase tickets at the registration table for \$55.

Map of Radisson Blu



Exhibitors by Category

Numbers are booths. Find virtual exhibitors on the app (indicated by "V"). Business partners are highlighted.

Supplies, Equipment, Furniture and Technology

- 1 jmc inc.
- 9 Flagship Recreation
- 24 Meteor Education
- 40 Class Solver
- 6 Renaissance
- V The Sensory Path

Photography and Publishing

- 16-17 Lifetouch
- 36 Entourage Yearbooks

Personal and Professional Development

- 12 Horace Mann Companies
- 7 Saint Mary's University of MN
- 39 St. Cloud State University
- 19 Code Savvy
- 35 Bethel University
- V School Pro K12

Curriculum and Classroom Resources

- 11 American Reading Company
- 15 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (MHM)
- 26 Imagine Learning
- 13 Lexia Learning
- 8 Mackin
- 33 McGraw Hill
- 14 Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom
- 2-3 95 Percent Group
- 31 Capstone
- 37 Benchmark Education/ Custom Education Solutions
- 5 Savvas Learning Company
- 10 IXL Learning
- 20 Science from Scientists
- 25 Curriculum Associates

Curriculum and Classroom Resources, continued

- 29 Power of Three SEL Curriculum
- 34 Hand 2 Mind
- 22 Amplify

Field Trips

- 4 MN Field Trip Library

Student Development and School Culture

- 19 TILL 360
- 21 Taproot Learning
- 38 The Origins Program
- 28 SPED Forms
- 23 BARR Center
- 30 Minnesota School Sealant Program

Fundraising

- 32 MN School Spirit Vending
- 27 Gertens Fundraising

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