

LEADER OF LEADERS COLLABORATIVE

“An effective principal’s impact is stronger and broader than previously thought, making it “difficult to envision” a higher return on investment in K-12 education than the cultivation of high-quality school leadership.”

*Wallace Foundation,
“How Principals Affect Students and Schools:
A Systematic Synthesis of Two Decades of
Research,” 2021*



School leadership, principal leadership and assistant principal leadership matter. Now, the Wallace Foundation clearly states there is no higher return on investment than high-quality leadership. **To support this claim, the Pennsylvania Principals Association, in partnership with the Schlechty Center, is proud to announce the first cohort of the *Leader of Leaders Collaborative*.**

The ***Leader of Leaders Collaborative*** is designed using the frameworks the Schlechty Center makes available to educators to use in the design of engaging work for both students and adults. We will start each new experience with a guiding question: *What can school leaders learn from this experience to help them be better leaders in their schools?* When field trips are involved, we ask another question: *What can school leaders learn from how this organization does its business?*

Principals who choose to participate and make a commitment to join this collaborative will attend three, three-day in-person sessions. Each session would be followed by a three-hour virtual work session focusing on a topic or product to be determined. They will receive the Schlechty Center’s *Redefining the Role of Principals as Leaders of Leaders* leadership tool designed for principals to assess their capacity to support continuous innovation and systemic change.

The collaborative will focus on the role of the principal as a leader of leaders, with the design of academy sessions drawing on guiding questions such as the following:

- How do principals get clear about their own beliefs and what they believe about the nature of the enterprise they are leading?
- How can principals ensure clarity of a strategic (future-focused) direction, heighten awareness and build consensus around the district direction?
- How do principals go about ensuring their organizations develop the capacity to support and sustain needed changes?
- What is the role of a School Design Team in ensuring a focus on engagement?
- How do principals involve the superintendent and relevant central office staff in supporting a focus on engagement for students and staff?

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SESSION DATES AND DETAILS

July 23–25, 2024

Kickoff Session In-Person

Location: Carlisle, PA

Visit: U.S. Army War College

(www.armywarcollege.edu/)

Join us at the *Leader of Leaders Collaborative* to learn from the United States Army War College. Here, military and international leaders at the height of their careers come to continue their development and prepare for the future. Principals will tour the campus, explore the interactive Futures Lab and talk with leaders enrolled in the college. As leaders, they will learn from the experiences that align with their leadership in schools.

- How do senior leaders view the opportunity for intellectual development?
- In what ways do leaders think about the engagement and morale of those they lead?
- As change is constant, how do leaders prepare themselves and those they lead to maintain the direction and adapt to change?

September 25, 2024

Virtual Session

November 6–8, 2024

In-Person Session

**Location: Cincinnati, OH/
Northern Kentucky**

Visit: Ignite Institute

(www.igniteinstitute.org/)

The *Leader of Leaders Collaborative* will explore two very different learning environments in Cincinnati, Ohio/Northern Kentucky at the Ignite Academy and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. Through tours, talking with students and interacting with exhibits, principals will challenge the mental model of a classroom.

- How do principals get clear about their own beliefs and what they believe about the nature of the enterprise they are leading?
- How do leaders consider the needs, motives and values of those they are charged to lead?
- How do leaders empower the students' voice through the design of the culture in their buildings?

February 19, 2025

Virtual Session

June 17-19, 2025

Closing Session In-Person

PA Location: To Be Determined

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REGISTRATION

Scan the QR Code below to register!



COST

The cost for the year-long experience is **\$2,800**. This includes:

- Hotel Accommodations – 6 Nights
- Meals for the three trips
- Collaborative materials
- Entrance fees where applicable

Costs not included:

- Travel to three onsite visits (Carlisle, PA, Cincinnati, OH, /Northern Kentucky, and a third site in Pennsylvania to be announced.)

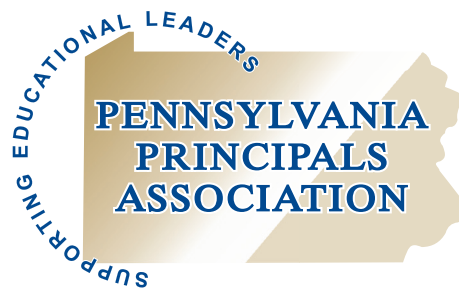
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