



League of Innovative Schools SPRING 2023 CONVENING

April 24–27, 2023 | Birmingham, AL | @DPLLeague #DPLIS

AGENDA OVERVIEW

At the League of Innovative Schools Fall 2022 Convening, League leaders completed a survey outlining the top challenges that their districts are facing. This input will be used to update the [Digital Promise Challenge Map](#), a project designed to communicate shared challenges across League districts with the goal of surfacing promising approaches and convening educators and researchers around priority issues.

From this most-recent survey data, Digital Promise identified the **top 15 challenges** that League districts are currently facing, which were grouped into **three overarching themes** that were used to shape the agenda for the League Spring 2023 Convening. The goal is to make the convening responsive to the unique challenges that League leaders are facing and to provide tangible learning opportunities that spark ideas, connections, and solutions.



Leadership and School Culture and Climate

From hiring and retaining quality teachers to fostering a safe and supportive school culture, district leaders are focusing on the well-being of staff and students more than ever. Learn how to manage system-level priorities alongside on-the-ground ones through sessions designed to address diverse leadership demands.



Student Learning, Engagement, and Pathways

What does it look like for district leaders to approach student learning in ways that are responsive to diverse student needs and prepare them for the workforce of tomorrow? Experience Talladega’s student-centered approach first-hand and dive into these topics through interactive sessions.



Digital Transformation and Equity

How can districts help shape the national conversation around digital equity and demand evidence-based technology that serves all learners? Engage in key conversations that meet your district’s digital equity needs – from getting families internet access to accessing classroom tech that maximizes personalized learning.

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Receive guidance around **navigating the current political climate** as a district leader

Explore how to support classroom teachers in implementing **new AI tools**

Learn about Talladega’s **mental health initiatives** aimed at supporting teacher and student well-being

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Witness Talladega’s equity-centered approach to **STEM, computer science, and computational thinking**

See how Talladega and other League districts are designing **computational thinking (CT) pathways**

Start crafting your district’s **“Portrait of a Graduate”**

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Engage in **state digital equity planning** with the U.S. Department of Education

Learn how to get families in your district access to **affordable internet**

Hear how Talladega’s **“Rolling Study Halls”** are helping students complete online homework on-the-go

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE*

**Exact times and details are subject to change*

MONDAY, APRIL 24

12:00 – 6:00 P.M.	Registration	Sheraton Birmingham Hotel 2101 Richard Arrington Jr Blvd N, Birmingham
3:00 – 6:00 P.M.	Optional Pre-Convening Sessions* <i>*Registration required</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Option 1: Inclusive Innovation: Co-designing District Solutions with Your Students and Parents</i> ● <i>Option 2: Computational Thinking: Designing Equitable and Inclusive District-Wide Pathways</i> 	
6:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Travel to Welcome Reception	Walking Directions to The Southern Kitchen and Bar
7:00 – 9:00 P.M.	Welcome Reception <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Dr. Baron R. Davis, Senior Advisor, Digital Promise</i> 	The Southern Kitchen and Bar 2301 Richard Arrington Jr Blvd N, Birmingham

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

7:00 – 8:30 A.M.	Breakfast	Sheraton Birmingham Hotel 2101 Richard Arrington Jr Blvd N, Birmingham
7:00 – 8:15 A.M.	Corporate Partners and Meeting Sponsors Breakfast	
7:00 – 8:15 A.M.	Cybersecurity Group Breakfast* <i>*Invitation only for group participants; facilitated by the Center for Inclusive Innovation</i>	
7:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.	Registration	
8:30 – 10:00 A.M.	Welcome and Kickoff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Chaula Gupta, VP and Chief Program Officer, Digital Promise</i> ● <i>Jean-Claude Brizard, President and CEO, Digital Promise</i> ● <i>Dr. Suzanne Lacey, Superintendent, Talladega County Schools</i> ● <i>Panel of students and leaders from Talladega County Schools</i> 	
10:00 – 11:00 A.M.	Challenge Map Session <i>Overview of top League district challenges surfaced by the 2022 Challenge Map survey from Kim Smith, Chief Inclusive Innovation Officer, Digital Promise, Viki Young, Chief Inclusive Innovation Researcher, Digital Promise, and Michael Nagler, Superintendent, Mineola Unified School District</i> <i>Breakout sessions with other leaders around challenges most-relevant to your district and work</i>	

11:15 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.	Digital Promise- and Partner-led Breakout Sessions <i>Dive into topics related to the three convening themes through sessions led by Digital Promise staff, partners, and district leaders</i>	
12:30 – 1:30 P.M.	Lunch	
1:45 – 3:00 P.M.	Digital Promise- and Partner-led Breakout Sessions <i>Dive into topics related to the three convening themes through sessions led by Digital Promise staff, partners, and district leaders</i>	
3:15 – 4:30 P.M.	Discovery Fair <i>Learn about resources and opportunities to take back to your district from Digital Promise and partners</i>	
5:30 – 6:00 P.M.	Travel to Evening Reception and Dinner	Buses will depart from the Sheraton Birmingham starting at 5:45 p.m.
6:00 – 8:00 P.M.	Evening Reception and Dinner	The Florentine 2101 2nd Ave N, Birmingham
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26		
6:30 – 7:30 A.M.	Breakfast	Sheraton Birmingham Hotel 2101 Richard Arrington Jr Blvd N, Birmingham
7:30 – 8:30 A.M.	Buses Depart to School Visits	N/A
8:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.	School Visits	Talladega County Schools (Various)
2:30 – 3:00 P.M.	Travel to Reception and Dinner	Buses will depart from Talladega Schools and transport to Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum
4:00 – 7:00 P.M.	Evening Reception and Dinner	Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum 6030 Barber Motorsports Pkwy, Leeds
THURSDAY, APRIL 27		
7:00 – 8:30 A.M.	Breakfast and Closing Reflections	Sheraton Birmingham Hotel 2101 Richard Arrington Jr Blvd N, Birmingham
8:30 – 9:20 A.M.	Student Leader Presentations <i>Learn from student leaders representing League districts across the country about the changes they wish to see in their own education</i>	
9:20 – 9:30 A.M.	Break and Transition	

9:30 – 11:00 A.M.	Job Alike Meet-ups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Superintendents Meet-up</i> ● <i>District Leaders Meet-ups</i> ● <i>Corporate Partners and Meeting Sponsors Meet-up</i> 	
11:00 – 11:30 A.M.	Break and Transition	
11:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Box Lunch and Departure	
12:30 – 4:00 P.M.	Optional Community Activities* <i>*Registration required</i>	Misc. Locations