



Global Cities Education Network Symposium Agenda

Lexington, KY

October 23 - October 26, 2023

Symposium Themes

1. **Learner Profile:** Education transformation begins with the purpose of education. Systems need to be clear on what students should know and be able to do and the metrics of success used to measure and certify these outcomes. The framework for this theme will be the vision of future education proposed in Kentucky's [United We Learn](#) report as well as the Fayette County Public Schools' Portrait of a Graduate.
2. **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Well-Being:** To commit to student outcomes that require development of complex competencies, education must be inclusive of all students and equally support their learning and well-being outcomes. Learner voice and agency is critical to education reform efforts and will be included as part of the discussion.

In our interconnected world, digital transformation and digital literacy are core to providing an equitable learning environment. This will be examined as a sub-theme leveraging Digital Promise's expertise in this area.

3. **Building a Healthy Learning Ecosystem:** None of the topics above can be addressed without a healthy learning ecosystem to support them. This theme will examine partnerships integral to the education ecosystem, beginning with educators, and including families, students, communities, and especially business and industry.

Organizers and Partners

The symposium is organized by Digital Promise Global in partnership with Fayette County Public Schools and Commerce Lexington in Kentucky serving as the host jurisdiction. The National Center for Education and the Economy (NCEE) is contributing as a knowledge partner.



| Sunday, 22 October | |
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| Time (EST) | Events |
| 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Welcome Reception at Lexington Visitor Center 215 West Main Street, Lexington, KY (look for LEX sign out front) |

| Monday, 23 October | |
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| Time (EST) | Events |
| 8:30am | Bus transportation from Hilton hotel lobby to University of Kentucky's Gatton Student Center, 160 Avenue of Champions (Room 330AB). |
| 9:00am - 10:00am | <p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chaula Gupta, VP and Chief of Programs, Digital Promise • Heather Singmaster, Director of GCEN, Digital Promise • Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent, Fayette County Public Schools • Lu Young, University of Kentucky and Chair of KY State School Board <p>Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/97265726244</p> |
| 10:00am - 12:30pm | <p>United We Learn Process: Empathy Interviews, Sense-making, and Generating Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doannie Tran, Partner for Liberatory Co-Creation at the Center for Innovation in Education <p>Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/97265726244</p> |
| 12:30pm - 1:30pm | Lunch |
| 1:30pm - 4:00pm | <p>United We Learn Process Continued: Root Cause Analysis</p> <p>Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/97265726244</p> |
| 4:00pm - 4:30pm | <p>Day 1 Wrap Up & Prep for School Visits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fayette County Public Schools Team |
| 4:30pm | Bus transportation back to Hilton Hotel. Teams are free for dinner on their own. Reservations have been made at a few local restaurants if you would like to dine with fellow GCEN members – see the Travel Guide for details. |

Tuesday, 24 October

| Time (EST) | Events |
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| 8:30am | Bus pickup at Hilton hotel lobby for school visits. |
| 9:00am - 10:45am | School Visit #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Group 1: Liberty Elementary School ● Group 2: Tates Creek High School |
| 10:45am - 11:15am | Bus transportation to second school. |
| 11:15am - 1:00pm | School Visit #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Group 1: Frederick Douglass High School ● Group 2: Brenda Cowan Elementary School |
| 1:00pm - 1:30pm | Bus transportation to lunch |
| 1:30pm - 3:30pm | Lunch followed by Presentation on Academy Model Sponsor: Ford Next Generation Learning |
| 3:30pm - 4:00pm | Bus transportation back to Hilton hotel |
| 4:00pm - 5:45pm | Free time on your own |
| 5:45pm | Meet at Hilton hotel lobby. Group will walk together to the dinner location. |
| 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Group dinner at Dudleys on Short 259 West Short Street |

| Wednesday, 25 October | |
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| Time (EST) | Events |
| 8:00am | Bus transportation from Hilton hotel lobby to University of Kentucky's Gatton Student Center (Room 330AB) |
| 8:30am - 10:00am | Day 1 and 2 Debrief Moderator: Anthony Mackay |
| 10:00am - 10:15am | Morning Tea Break |
| 10:15am - 11:15am | AI, Equity, and the Future of Education Moderator: Jean-Claude Brizard, President and CEO, Digital Promise Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kenny Low, Senior Assistant Director, Educational Technology Division, Singapore Ministry of Education ● Donnie Piercey, 2021 Kentucky Teacher of the Year ● Pati Ruiz, Senior Research Scientist, Learning Sciences and Emerging Technologies, Digital Promise Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/97265726244 |
| 11:15am - 12:15pm | Panel on DEI and Wellbeing Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Akilah Allen, Director of R&D Strategy, Center for Inclusive Innovation, Digital Promise Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drew Coleman, Associate Chief of Schools, ECE and Elementary, Denver Public Schools ● Neder Dhillon, Assistant Superintendent, Surrey Schools (Canada) ● Raima Dutt, Research Coordinator, Cross-Org Coordinator and Board Co-President, Kentucky Student Voice Team and Chair, KY Commissioners Student Advisory Committee ● Holly Schile, Director of Arts and Culture, Calgary Catholic Schools Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/97265726244 |
| 12:15pm - 1:00pm | Bus transportation to Keeneland |
| 1:00pm - 5:00pm | Races at Keeneland Lunch will be provided. Dress code: Business Formal – Dress Coat, Tie, Dress Shoes, Button Down (comparable for ladies). Denim and athletic attire are not allowed. |
| 5:00pm | Bus departs from Keeneland back to Hilton hotel. |

| Thursday, 26 October | |
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| Time (EST) | Events |
| 8:30am | Bus transportation from Hilton to UK Gatton Student Center (Room 330AB) |
| 9:00am - 9:15am | <p>Welcome</p> <p>Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/97265726244</p> |
| 9:15am - 10:30am | <p>Navigating New Challenges in Education: Perspectives from Around the World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adelaide: Margot Foster, Expert Advisor to the Chief Executive, South Australia Department of Education - Shanghai: Maggie Xu, Associate Professor, Shanghai Normal University - Bermuda: Keren Caple, Chief Executive, Innovation Unit Bermuda - Joinville, Brazil: Diego Calegari, Secretary of Education - Peru: Franco Mosso, CEO, Enseña Peru <p>Facilitator: Anthony Mackay Discussant: John DeAtley</p> <p>Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/97265726244</p> |
| 10:30am - 10:45am | Morning Tea Break |
| 10:45am - 11:45am | <p>Meaningful Student Voice with the <u>Kentucky Student Voice Team</u></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nisha Ajana, Journalism Editor & Board Member ● Francis Musoni Podcast Coordinator & Board Member ● Minhal Nazeer, Research Coordinator, Cross-Org Coordinator, Journalism Editor & Board Co-President ● Olivia Ta, Press Corp Fellow ● Emmi Wolfe, Education Storytelling Team <p>Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/97265726244</p> |
| 11:45am - 12:15pm | <p>GCEN: A Network Supporting the Transformation of Education</p> <p>Speaker: Heather Singmaster, Director of GCEN, Digital Promise</p> |
| 12:15pm - 1:15pm | Lunch & Team Discussions |
| 1:15pm - 2:15pm | <p>Feedback Session</p> <p>Each team will give final feedback to the host team.</p> <p>Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/97265726244</p> |
| 2:15pm - 2:30pm | Closing & Final Remarks |