Scaling Deeper Learning through District-Wide Implementation of Project-Based Learning

An AYPF Study Tour
Kentucky/Ohio
November 6-8, 2018

The goal of this study tour is to learn how to take ‘deeper learning’ – the mastery of rigorous core academic content; critical thinking and problem solving; teamwork and collaboration; effective communication; learning how to learn; and cultivation of an academic mindset – to scale. On this tour, participants will visit schools from the New Tech Network in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Owensboro, Kentucky that are providing students with rich, student-centered curricula that incorporates personalized, project-based learning. Through conversations with students, teachers, and administrators, as well as explorations of classrooms, participants will witness first-hand how to create a teaching and learning environment that supports the development of deeper learning competencies. High-level state and district education policy leaders will also join the study tour to share an understanding of the state policy conditions that support the promotion of deeper learning, particularly at district-level scale. The policy discussions will focus on effective and scalable models, capacity building, professional development, funding, curriculum, instruction, innovative assessments, and data and reporting systems. State teams will enjoy time to reflect on necessary policy conditions as it relates to their own states, as well as learn from colleagues in other states.

Day 1: Tuesday, November 6

Keynote Address and Networking Dinner
Galt House Hotel
140 North Fourth Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

4:00 – 5:00pm Welcome, Introductions, and Program Overview
5:00 – 5:30pm Keynote Address: Setting the National Education Policy Context
• Gene Wilhoit, CEO, Center for Innovation in Education (CIE), University of Kentucky
  Gene will provide a national perspective on state of education reform and specifically highlight the current opportunities and challenges pertaining to the expansion of deeper learning.
5:30 – 6:30pm State Policy Overviews
• David Cook, Director, Division of Innovation and Partner Engagement, Kentucky Department of Education
• Buddy Harris, Director, Office of Innovation, Ohio Department of Education
David and Buddy will provide an overview of the state education policy context in their respective states and specifically highlight the state-level policies and initiatives that support deeper learning.

6:30pm Networking Dinner

Day 2: Wednesday, November 7

Site Visit to Owensboro Innovation Academy
Owensboro Innovation Academy
1010 Allen Street
Owensboro, Kentucky 42303

6:30 – 7:30am Breakfast Available
7:30am Bus Departs for OIA
8:00 – 9:30am Bus Programming (NTN Presentation, Overview of OIA, Q/A, Videos)
8:30am – Site Visit to OIA (Visit Classrooms, Discussion with School Leaders, Teachers, and Students, Community Partner Panel)
12:00pm* Lunch and Debrief
1:00pm* Bus Departs for Hotel
1:30 – 3:00pm* Bus Programming (Individual Reflection/Journaling, State Team Time)
4:00pm Break
6:00pm Dinner On Your Own in Downtown Louisville

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Day 3: Thursday, November 8

Site Visit to Winton Woods City Schools
Winton Woods High School
1231 W. Kemper Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45240

6:00 – 6:30am Breakfast Available
6:30am Bus Departs for Winton Woods
7:00 – 8:30am Bus Programming (Overview of Winton Woods, Q/A, Videos)
8:30am – 12:30pm Site Visit to Winton Woods High School and Intermediate School (Visit Classrooms, Discussion with School/District Leaders, Teachers, and Students, Teacher Panel, Student Panel)
12:30pm Grab Boxed Lunch, Bus Departs for Cincinnati Airport
12:30 – 1:15pm Bus Programming (Individual Reflection/Journaling, Study Tour Survey)
1:15pm Study Tour Adjourned, Flights Depart After 2:30pm