



# MESPA INSTITUTE 2024

## STRONG PRINCIPALS. STRONG SCHOOLS.

February 7-9 | Radisson Blu in Bloomington

### Strands

- Leadership
- School Culture
- Equity
- Instruction
- Wellness

### Conference App

Find session descriptions, presentation materials, exhibitor information, evaluations and more on the Institute App!



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## DAY 1: Wednesday, February 7

<b>9:00am</b>	Registration Opens	
<b>9:00-10:30am</b>	Principal Mentorship Program	Minnetonka B
<b>9:45-10:45am</b>	Board of Directors Meeting	Minnetonka C
<b>11:00-11:45am</b>	Early Bird Exhibit Viewing	
<b>11:00-11:45am</b>	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>
<b>11:45am-12:30pm</b>	Lunch	Lakes Ballroom
<b>12:30-1:00pm</b>	Welcome and Opening Skit Co-hosts Katy Schuerman and Leah Hack	
<b>1:00-2:30pm</b>	 Keynote: Dr. Mary Hemphill <i>The One Minute Meeting: Creating Student Stakeholders In Schools</i>	Lakes Ballroom
<b>2:30-3:00pm</b>	Exhibit Viewing and Dessert	
<b>2:45-4:00pm</b>	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


<b>5:15-5:30pm</b>	Exhibit Viewing	
<b>5:30-6:30pm</b>	Reception <i>Hors d'Oeuvres and Cash Bar</i>	Lakes Ballroom
<b>6:30pm</b>	MESPA Networking Social	Nokomis A, B, C


## DAY 2: Thursday, February 8


<b>7:15-8:15am</b>	Committee Meetings Financial Awareness School of Excellence Communications EPAC/Legislative	Minnetonka A Minnetonka B Minnetonka C Cedar
<b>8:00-8:45am</b>	Breakfast and Exhibit Viewing	Lakes Ballroom
<b>8:45-8:50am</b>	Welcome	Lakes Ballroom
<b>8:50-10:20am</b>	 <b>Keynote: Dr. Joe Sanfelippo</b> <i>Changing the Narrative</i>	Lakes Ballroom
<b>10:20-10:30am</b>	Book Giveaway <i>The Right Thing to Do, The Joe Mauer Story</i> by Joe Schmit	Lakes Ballroom
<b>10:30-11:00am</b>	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*
- Kat Perkins  
*Dream it, Do it*
- 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+*  
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## 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

### CEUs

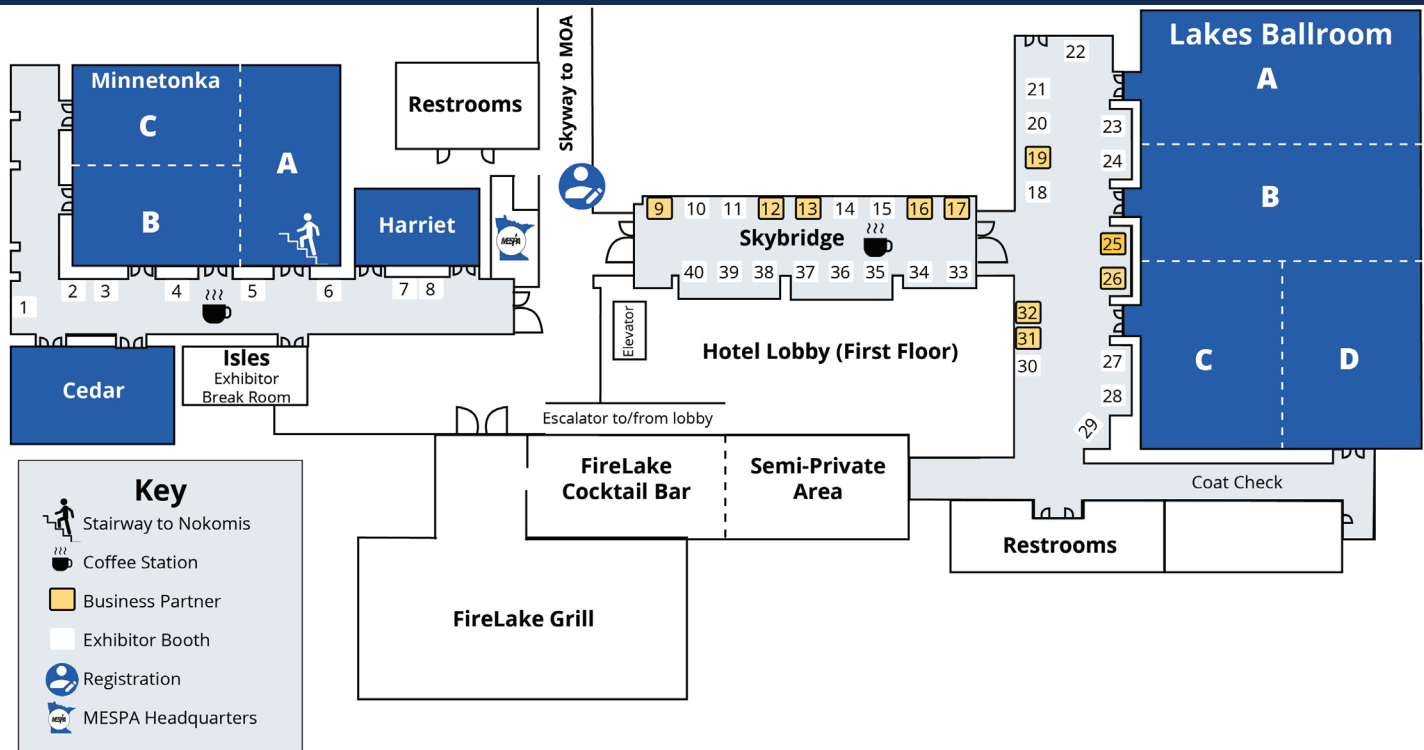
Earn 13 CEUs by filling out our evaluation at the end of the conference. You'll receive an email with the evaluation on Friday morning.

### 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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