

LYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Staff Travel Report
to
School Board of Trustees*

Your recent request to travel has been approved. Within two weeks of the date of the conference, the following report is due in the office of the Deputy Superintendent via Margaret Heim.

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Staff Member: Cari Bunyard School: DO
Conference: Learning Forward Staff Assignment MTSS
Do not use acronyms
Location of Conference: Denver, CO Dates Attended: Dec 7-11

General Overview: Do not use acronyms

The Learning Forward Annual Conference is an event focused on professional learning for educators. It gathers education leaders, teachers, and stakeholders worldwide to share innovative practices, explore research-based strategies, and develop actionable skills that support student achievement.

Focus on Professional Learning

The conference emphasizes effective professional learning practices that are grounded in evidence.

Diverse Topics

Sessions cover a wide range of topics, leadership development, instructional strategies, and data-driven decision-making.

Networking Opportunities

Participants can connect with educators, district leaders, researchers, and policymakers to exchange ideas, foster collaborations, and learn from one another's experiences.

Resources and Tools

Attendees gain access to resources, tools, and strategies to implement effective professional learning practices in their schools or districts.

How will this impact student learning in a positive way?

The Learning Forward Conference positively impacts student learning by providing educators with effective strategies (research-based), tools - such as structures for coaching cycles, and insights to enhance their teaching practices and leadership skills.

How will I implement what I learned and how will I share this information with my colleagues?

Listed are highlights of the conference that I will be able to share with my colleagues:
Transforming Teaching Through Curriculum-Based Professional Learning

This session taught me how to provide professional development using our current curriculum's. It was very valuable in the fact that I will be able to help coach teachers on pedagogy and best practices. Teachers will be able to plan for upcoming lessons with the background knowledge and strategies to best fit the needs of their students. Often times we tell teachers to just use the curriculum without any official training, this session offered me the structures on how to help support lesson planning, strategies and key elements.

Keynote Fredrick Brown

"Frederick Brown is Learning Forward's president and CEO. Brown's career includes classroom teaching, school leadership, and roles that prepared him to lead Learning Forward's movement to strengthen student learning and educator practice worldwide through high-quality professional learning." (Learning Forward, 2024) Fredrick's message was inspiring that teachers and educators make a difference and cultivating positive relationships with students helps students learn and to be who they are.

Setting the Stage: Growing Strong Teachers and Schools

This session discussed creating a strong school./district structure and strong school/district systems. The presenters shared ways to have intentional team meetings and team building, having clear operational curriculum, communication and coaching practices. They also shared current practices on brain research. This session clearly supported the work the educational services department is supporting.

Curriculum Implementation as a Change Journey: Learning and Opportunities

Other Comments:

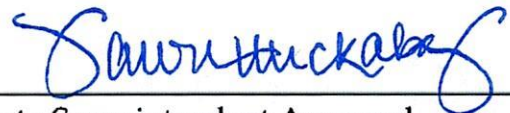
The Learning Forward conference was a valuable experience, offering a wealth of information and ideas that are aligned with many current practices in the Lyon County School District. I look forward to sharing handouts, and slide decks, during collaboration and team meetings as well as offering support with strategies when coaching and mentoring. I would encourage this conference in the future and thank you for the opportunity to attend.



Site Principal/Supervisor Approval

12/12/24

Date



Deputy Superintendent Approval

12/16/24

Date