

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.

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Staff Member:	<u>Stephanie Lotito</u>	School:	<u>Dayton High School</u>
Conference:	<u>National Elementary and Secondary Education Act Conference</u>	Staff Assignment	<u>Assistant Principal</u>
Do not use acronyms			
Location of Conference:	<u>Denver, CO</u>	Dates Attended:	<u>2/9/26-2/13/26</u>

General Overview: Do not use acronyms

The conference was an incredible opportunity to reflect on our work as educators and leaders and to reconnect with the core purpose of what we do each day. Throughout the sessions and keynote presentations, there was a strong focus on relationships, student voice, and creating school cultures where every student feels valued and supported. The experience was both inspiring and affirming.

I truly enjoyed all three keynote speakers, as each brought a powerful message that connected directly to our work in schools. The second day's keynote speaker, Dr. Adolph "Doc" Brown, III, was phenomenal. His story was inspiring and deeply touching. I especially appreciated the way he interacted with the audience and the powerful visual lesson he created by entering dressed as his younger self and revealing his current self at the end. It was a strong reminder of the importance of not judging a book by its cover and truly seeing the potential in every individual.

I also attended a session focused on school safety. It was eye-opening and reinforced how important it is to ensure that our campus is secure and structured in a way that protects our students and staff. Given how open and vulnerable our campus currently is, I am very grateful that we are receiving upgrades that will strengthen our safety measures. Overall, I left the conference energized, reflective, and even more committed to serving our students well.

How will this impact student learning in a positive way?

This experience will positively impact student learning because it strengthens my ability to lead with intention and focus. As an instructional leader, my role is to support teachers in creating environments where students feel seen, heard, and valued. When students know that we genuinely care about them, they are far more willing to engage, take risks, and strive toward the goals we set for them.

The conference reinforced that strong relationships are the foundation of academic success. I will continue to emphasize with my staff the importance of building positive connections with all students and ensuring that every child has a voice. When students feel respected and understood, they develop trust. When trust is present, learning accelerates. Our students will move mountains when they believe the adults around them truly care about their success.

Additionally, a safe and secure campus directly supports student learning. When students and staff feel physically safe, they can focus fully on instruction and growth. The information gained from the school safety session, combined with our campus upgrades, will help create an environment where learning can thrive.

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

Moving forward, I plan to intentionally weave the conference themes into our ongoing work as a school. I will continue modeling relationship-building in my own interactions and encourage teachers to reflect on how they are creating spaces where students feel connected and valued. I want to keep the conversation centered on student voice, belonging, and meaningful engagement.

I will share key takeaways during staff meetings and collaboration time, particularly the message about not making assumptions about students and the importance of seeing the whole child. Dr. Brown's message provides a powerful starting point for discussion around empathy, high expectations, and belief in every student's potential.

With my leadership team, I will further discuss the insights from the school safety session to ensure we remain proactive and thoughtful about campus security and procedures. As safety upgrades are implemented, I will communicate their purpose clearly and reinforce our shared responsibility in maintaining a safe and supportive learning environment.

My hope is that by sharing these ideas and maintaining a focus on relationships, safety, and student voice, we will continue building a school culture where every student feels valued and empowered to succeed.

Other Comments:

Thank you Lyon County School District Board for allowing me to attend this conference and connect not only with my direct colleagues in the district, but to make connections with colleagues nation wide.

Julie Bumgardner
Site Principal/Supervisor Approval

Stacy Cooper, EdD
Deputy Superintendent Approval

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