



PERSONALIZED LEARNING SPACES WITH THE BRAIN IN MIND

#PLS15



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Hosted by Chaska High School
545 Pioneer Trail, Chaska, MN 55318

Eastern Carver County Schools (ECCS)

REGISTER ONLINE AT
[WWW.NAOMIHARM.ORG/PLS15](http://www.naomiharm.org/pls15)

Enrollment is limited, so register early to save your spot!

WELCOME

This two-day high-energy conference will empower school leadership teams to explore how personalized learning experiences directly correlates with a student's and a teacher's growth mindset. We will examine how personalized learning and its spaces can support a variety of pedagogical and brain-based instructional approaches. Participants will also have the opportunity to create their own personalized learning plan, through a "classroom crib" design challenge. This design challenge will motivate participants to create a personalized learning space based on sound pedagogical practices gained from the captivating sessions facilitated by well-known Minnesota and nationally recognized educational leaders and industry partners. Collaborative and interactive panel discussions with attending school district leaders and high school students will add additional voices to this two-day experience.



AGENDA DAY ONE

8:00 - 8:30	Arrival and Continental Breakfast	8:00 - 8:30	Arrival and Continental Breakfast
8:30 - 9:00	Welcome and Design Thinking Classroom Crib Challenge #1	8:30 - 9:00	Welcome and Design Thinking Classroom Crib Challenge #2
9:00 - 10:15	Session #1	9:00 - 10:15	Session #4
10:15 - 10:30	BRAIN BREAK	10:15 - 10:30	BRAIN BREAK
10:30 - 11:45	Session #2	10:30 -11:45	Session #5: Industry Partner Showcases and Personalized Learning Lab Sessions
11:45 - 12:45	Networking Lunch	11:45 - 12:30	Networking Lunch
12:45 - 2:00	Industry Partner Showcases and Personalized Learning Lab Sessions	12:30 - 1:00	Planning For Purpose Closing
2:00 - 2:15	BRAIN BREAK	1:00 - 1:15	Closing Remarks and Prize Giveaways
2:15 - 2:45	Session #3: Student Panel Discussion: "What I Want and Need to Personalize My Learning"		
2:45 - 3:00	Closing Remarks and Planning for Day 2		

FEES

Early Bird Special (by Oct. 30)

Individual: \$259

After October 30

Individual: \$279

Teams of 5 or More:
\$239/person

Registration fees include high-quality professional development from widely recognized ed-tech facilitators, continental breakfast, catered lunch and Classroom Crib Design Collection.

HOTEL INFORMATION

A block of discounted rooms have been reserved at:

Country Inn and Suites

Chanhassen, MN

\$99/night

Hotel reservations can be made on-line using the promotional code: LEARN in the more options field or by calling (952)937-2424 and mentioning the 'District 112 – Personal Learning Spaces'.

Holiday Inn Express

Chanhassen, MN

\$109/night

Please make your reservations by 11/1/15

AGENDA DAY TWO

FEATURED SPEAKERS



EMILY GORANSOR

Emily Goranson is an elementary to middle years technology integration specialist, with a Masters Degree in Educational Design and Technology from Concordia University. Emily has a husband and a sixth month old daughter. She taught sixth grade for five years and currently teaches in a multiage fourth and fifth grade classroom. Emily has a passion for adaptive design and technology enhancement in schools. She is responsible for training elementary and middle school level teachers how to best integrate technology into classrooms and curriculum for both regular education and for students with special needs. Emily presents at conferences, workshops, and national conventions on how to turn standard classrooms into revolutionary practice facilities using emerging and engaging technologies, as well as video created enhanced classroom settings.



BRAD GUSTAFSON

Brad is an elementary principal in Minnesota. He has pioneered efforts to transform pedagogy to reflect best practices in a digital age. He is a TEDx and keynote speaker who exudes a passion for leadership that is palpable. Brad co-authored Personalized PD; the book that empowers educators to take ownership of their professional learning. His blog, [Adjusting Course](#), was recognized with an Editor's Choice Content Award by SmartBrief Education, and named as a "Must-Read" K-12 blog by EdTech Magazine in 2015. The blog was recognized as a finalist for Best Administrator Blog by the EduBlog Awards the past two years as well. Brad was an Academy of Education Arts and Sciences Bammy Award Finalist in the category of Elementary School Principal in 2015. He earned his Doctoral degree at Bethel University where his research focused on innovation and professional development.



NAOMI HARM

Naomi, CEO of [Innovative Educator Consulting](#) from Brownsville, MN is an inspiring national edtech leader welcomes every opportunity to share her expertise and best practices relating to 1:1 mobile learning and literacy initiatives, classroom redesign strategies, and brain-based teaching experiences to support the learner-centered environment. Her dynamic career focus includes being a National Senior Intel Trainer, ISTE Faculty Instructional Coach, Google Certified Innovator and Trainer, and a 1:1 mobile learning specialist. Naomi also has a well-known specialty for delivering motivational keynotes focusing on emerging technologies best practices, and inspired and transformative educational technology leadership. Naomi is truly passionate about building global relationships with educational leaders, while engaging in meaningful and collaborative conversations to meet the needs of today's diverse learners.



KAREN KEFFELER

Karen Keffeler began her career as a math teacher in Waukegan, Illinois. She obtained her master's degree in middle school curriculum and instruction, as well as administrative certification from National-Louis University in Evanston, Illinois. As a principal in 1998, she assisted in the design of North Prairie Junior High School in Winthrop Harbor, Illinois. She returned to her home state of Minnesota and has been an administrator with Wayzata Public Schools for 16 years. She is currently the principal of Meadow Ridge Elementary, a K-5 building under construction that will open for the 2016-2017 school year.



ERIN KLEIN

[Erin Klein](#) is an award winning educator from Michigan, national keynote speaker, author, and mother who has been twice selected to serve on the Scholastic, Inc. Top Teaching Team based in New York. Her recent publication, *Amazing Grades*, was a collaboration with experts from 13 countries around the world. She travels the country speaking about the power of student voice, how meaningful technology integration can enhance learning experiences, and the impact classroom design has on today's learner.

She is certified in Brain Gym, Educational Kinesiology, and has studied under consultants from The Center for Effective Learning to understand how design affects cognition and learning. Klein serves as a classroom design consultant and creative partner for the publishing company, Carson-Dellosa. Some of her articles and interviews on design for education and technology tools for the classroom can be found on Smartblogs for Education, MindShift, Scholastic, Edudemic, Edutopia, EdSurge, and EdReach.



MICHAEL KRILL

Michael Krill received the Herb Kohl Award in Teaching Excellence for the State of Wisconsin in 2012. He has a Masters Degree in curriculum and peer leadership from Carroll University. Mike has a wonderful wife and 3 boys ages 11, 5, and 3. His current role is the Game Design, Computer Generated Effects and Film & Literature Instructor at Oconomowoc Area High School. He has taught elementary and intermediate levels for the last 16 years. His research in video enhancement and self-sustaining classroom design have put him at the forefront for incorporating innovation and adaptive practice in his presentations and workshops throughout the midwest. His presentations at TIES Technology Conference (2013, 2014) in Minneapolis, Minnesota showcased a model for the future in education.

WORKSHOP SESSIONS

- A Connected Pedagogy: Personalized Learning through Pedagogy
- A Couch is Not a Couch: PL Spaces with Intent
- Beyond The Bean Bag: Creating Personalized Learning Environments in New or Existing Classrooms
- Budget Constrained - Transforming One Classroom Learning Space At A Time
- Changing the Mobile Teaching and Learning Landscape with Student Choice
- Coaching Learners to Independence
- Creating a Digitally Enhanced Environment
- Designing Beyond the Curriculum
- Flexible, On-Demand Learning in a Dynamic Environment: Chanhassen High School's Constellation of Spaces
- Mobile Makerspaces
- Open Concept Learning
- Personalized Learning for Brain-Friendly, Blended Spaces
- Personalized Learning Manual...As Close As You Can Get!
- Sharing Student Voice
- The Gift That Keeps On Giving - Our Big Beautiful Brains On Learning



PERSONALIZED LEARNING LABS & MAKERSPACE SESSIONS

- Coding and Programming Adventures In The Classroom
- Genius Hour-Student Directed Learning
- How To Create A Dedicated Makerspace In Your School
- Mobile Maker Spaces
- Open Learning Lab: Amazing Green Screen Activities
- Open Learning Lab: Cup Stacking Challenges
- Open Learning Lab: Dash, Dot, Sphero and BB-8 Robotics
- Open Learning Lab: Digital Creation with Wearable LED Technology

