

LEADS District Hosted Residency Austin Independent School District



October 8-10, 2008

Building on the success of district-hosted LEADS' learning events in Miami and Milwaukee, the Austin Independent School District will be hosting our Fall LEADS Residency from Wednesday, October 8, to Friday, October 10. The residency will focus on Austin's central office leadership of its district-wide high school redesign initiative and emerging middle school redesign initiative.

The residency will address the innovative organizational and instructional leadership practices Austin's central office has put in place to support redesign across the district.

Through a series of conversations with key district and school leaders and visits to schools and the central office, participants will:

- Gain insight into the strategies Austin's central office has used to implement district-wide high school redesign and learn about their plans for doing the same at the middle school level;

Registration

Please e-mail Peter Ross at peter.ross@stanford.edu with the names and titles of participants from your district.

Registration Deadline:
Monday, September 8

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- Learn how Austin-based Dell and AISD are using innovative systems to better track and use data to make decisions;
- Explore key instructional leadership strategies in action through visits to Austin's high schools and framing conversations with central office leaders (e.g. Austin's district-wide "Late Start" professional development strategy and its development of lab sites to build teachers' instructional capacity for leading advisory);
- Discuss with central office leaders from multiple departments organizational innovations that have re-defined the way the district approaches collaboration, school engagement, and decision-making processes.

Residency participants will also learn about the "Opportunity Index" being developed by SRN LEADS Founding Director Linda Darling-Hammond and the LEADS team to identify and promote high leverage, value-added organizational and instructional practices.

Residency Schedule

Wednesday, October 8 | 5:45 p.m.
Presentation and working dinner.

Thursday, October 9 | 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Free evening to explore Austin's famous dining and music scene.

Friday October 10 | 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Logistics

Hotel

We have booked a block of rooms at the Omni Austin Hotel Downtown. The rate is \$179 per night. To receive this group rate, please book your rooms by Monday, September 8, 2008. To book, please call 1-800-THE-OMNI and request a room for the "Stanford University" group.

Flights

The Austin Bergstrom International Airport is 11 miles from downtown Austin. Shuttle and taxi service to the hotel run approximately \$10 and \$17, respectively.

Meals

Wednesday's working dinner and lunches will be provided for you. You will be on your own for breakfasts and Thursday evening dinner.



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