

# LEADS

## Network News

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## LEADS Summer Session 2008: Welcome back to our house!

**W**e have been getting ready in many ways — connecting with engaging speakers, arranging for beautiful locations, developing thoughtful schedules and materials, and preparing for great food and company. After all, we are seeing you again! Our preparations keep up front your own interests — what you told us this past year, and particularly at the February 2008 District Liaisons meeting. The schedule this summer contains a balance of:

- Insightful and provocative speakers from the Stanford Schools of Business and Education
- District team time for you to work, think, talk, and plan
- Cross-district network learning

This issue of the LEADS Network News contains final preparation information for the LEADS Summer Session, June 23-27, 2008. Please distribute the newsletter to all participants on your team who are coming. In addition to the newsletter, a separate e-mail with forms and folders will be sent to all district liaisons as planning tools.



*A Stanford totem pole: A model of good teamwork (don't worry, we'll ask you to collaborate in far safer ways).*

A timely newsletter for network members.

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## Details

• The weather will be warm and the dress informal (Friday casual). Air-conditioning in buildings can be cool, so you may want a sweater for indoors and a light jacket for evenings. \*Please bring comfortable walking shoes. There is always a good deal of walking once on campus.

• Assign a team member to bring a camera and serve as team photographer. We will also be taking many photographs, but a team photographer will add to the enjoyment of your experience.

• Pre-packets will arrive the week of June 9. They will provide detailed information on logistics, a Visitors Guide to the peninsula, and advance readings.

## Preparations for your team

**B**y now, you've made the tough decisions about who will be coming from your district. We know that each team's composition will have some unique characteristics, reflecting the group of voices that need to be together for the week. We heard from you last February that you want to bring 8-12 people, headed by the district superintendent and district LEADS liaison(s). The other team member categories most frequently mentioned included:

- Key cabinet members
- Site leadership involved in the district's secondary initiatives
- Teacher leadership (via district reform initiatives and/or union leadership)
- Board of Education members
- Community partners involved in the

district (higher education, community organization, and/or parent leadership).

Each district liaison has received a template by e-mail for the district participant list, with names, job titles, and contact information. The completed participant list (one per team) should be sent to [carstens@stanford.edu](mailto:carstens@stanford.edu) by June 6 at the latest, so we can get pre-packets sent out to each team member the following week.

As you and your team make plans for the Summer Session, please consider your main take-aways from last summer and your continuing needs and work. You will be talking and working together on an issue in this area, and presenting to your colleagues about your work at the end of the week.

Please send completed participant list to [carstens@stanford.edu](mailto:carstens@stanford.edu) by June 6.



The Milwaukee Team taking time to process during last year's Summer Session.

# SUMMER 2008

## Summer Session Schedule at a Glance

### Reminders

### Monday, June 23

*Crowne Plaza Cabana*

- 1 | Registration
- 1:30 | Welcome: Dean Deborah Stipek
- 1:40 | Kick-off presentation: Linda Darling-Hammond
- 3:15 | Introducing the Week: Linda Carstens and Ash Vasudeva
- 3:30 | District Team Time in breakout rooms (until 5 p.m.)
- 6 | Dinner at hotel

### Tuesday, June 24

*Alumni Center, Stanford Campus*

- 8:30 | Presentation: Huggy Rao
  - 10:30 | District team work time in breakouts
  - 1:00 | Presentation: Thomas Payzant
  - 3:15 | District team work time in breakouts
  - 4:30 | Bus pickup back to hotel
- Evening on your own

### Wednesday, June 25

*Alumni Center, Stanford Campus*

- 8:30 | Morning Presentation: Susanna Loeb
  - 9:40 | District team work time
  - 10:30 | Cross-district sessions
  - 1:00 | Presentation: Larry Cuban
  - 1:45 | Panel discussion with Austin and Mapleton
  - 3:15 | Cross district sessions
  - 4:30 | Bus pickup back to hotel
- Evening on your own

### Thursday, June 26

*Alumni Center, Stanford Campus*

- 8:30 | Morning Presentation: Debra Meyerson
  - 11:30 | District team work time
  - 1:00 | District preparation time
  - 3:15 | Cross district sessions
  - 4:30 | Bus pickup back to hotel
- Evening on your own

### Friday, June 27

*Crowne Plaza Cabana*

- 8:30 | Cross-district presentations
- 10:15 | Moving Forward: Linda Darling-Hammond
- 11:45 | Lunch
- 12:30 | Wrap-up and Farewell

### Mangia, Mangia!

Breakfast will be served at the session location at 8 a.m. Lunch and afternoon snacks will be provided and a hosted group dinner takes place on Monday. Let us know if you have special dietary needs.

- **Laptop.** Each team should bring at least one laptop computer to serve as the scribe for district team work sessions. There are many computers available on campus for use during the day, and we will provide free internet access to you for your own computers.

- **Reserve rooms.** Be sure that you have registered at the Crowne Plaza Cabana in Palo Alto at the special rate of \$155, single or double. Ask for the "EPE" rate. To guarantee that rate, you must be registered by June 6.

- **Transportation.** There is a wealth of public transportation in the area, and we will shuttle you Tuesday through Thursday from the hotel to Stanford and back.

- **Meals.** All breakfasts and lunches are provided each day during the Summer Session, as well as the group dinner on Monday.

### Find it Online

Materials for LEADS Network members are available online, including:

- Artifacts from past events
- A directory with contact information for all network members who have participated in past events
- Materials for upcoming events

Check it out: <http://srnleads.org> (select "SRN LEADS Partners" link). Forgot the password? Email [srnleads-info@stanford.edu](mailto:srnleads-info@stanford.edu)

# PRESENTERS

Name	Tentative Topic
Larry Cuban Stanford School of Education	Leadership Lessons from Austin and Mapleton
Linda Darling-Hammond Stanford School of Education	Monday, June 23: Achieving Accountability and Equity: Pathways to Results  Friday, June 27: From Practice to Policy — The New Federal Role in Education
Susanna Loeb Stanford School of Education/IREPP	Examining the Principals' Pipeline
Debra Meyerson Stanford School of Education/GSB	Bringing Compelling Business Precepts to Education
Thomas Payzant Harvard Graduate School of Education	Leadership Development throughout the System
Hayagreeva Rao Stanford Graduate School of Business	Innovation in Complex Systems

We will also be welcomed on Monday by the Dean of the Stanford University School of Education, Deborah Stipek.

Pre-reading materials will be available on the web site in advance of Summer Session. For details, see page 3.

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**Debra Meyerson, Huggy Rao, and Linda Darling-Hammond, from last year's Summer Session. All three will be presenting at Summer Session 2008.**