

# Community Schools Community of Practice

## Start Up/School Administration Buy-in



**District of Columbia  
Office of the State Superintendent of Education  
Elementary, Secondary and Specialized Education Division**

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# AGENDA

- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **Mission/Vision/Goals Continued Discussion**
- **Start Up/School Administration Buy-in**
- **Panel Discussion**
- **Upcoming CoP Meeting Schedule**

# Mission: Our Shared Purpose

- Provides a framework for the work we do
- Sets clear boundaries between our work and the work of others
- Elicits a motivational response
- Is easily understood and tangible enough to be transferred into individual action every day

## Sample Mission Statements

- *“To bring inspiration and innovation to every athlete\* in the world.”  
(\* "If you have a body, you are an athlete.")*
- *“Organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful.”*

# Vision: Image of Desired Future

- A picture of the future you seek to create; describe in the present tense, as if it is happening now.
- Why?
  - ✓ Gives shape and direction for organization
  - ✓ Helps people set goals to move forward

## Sample Vision Statements

- ***CRDF Global: Inspired by People - Driven by Science.***
- ***Learning Ally: Together it's Possible.***
- ***Teaching Matters: Great Teachers. Bright Futures.***
- ***WorldTeach: Dedicated to international development.***

# CoP Mission Elements and Vision Questions

## Mission Elements

- What is the mission/purpose of this CoP? What are we here to accomplish?
- Identify the top 3-5 “mission elements” – words or phrases that your group recommends including in the mission statement.
- Use actions verbs and be as brief and clear as possible.

## Vision Questions

- What is our picture of the future for this CoP?
- What will we see by the end of 2017 school year that signals immediate success for our CoP?

# Goals for the CoP

- An aim or desired result
- Make goals SMART
  - **Specific** - Consider who, what, when, where, why and how in developing the goal.
  - **Measurable** - Include a numeric or descriptive measurement.
  - **Achievable** - Consider the resources needed and set a realistic goal.
  - **Relevant** - Make sure the goal is consistent with the mission.
  - **Time-bound** - Set a realistic deadline.
- What results/goals would you like to see the CoP accomplish in the next 8 months (Sept. 2016 – May 2017)?

# Upcoming Meetings

## Fall 2016 CoP Meetings

### **Nov. 30, 2016: Evaluation/Data**

This session will focus on how to use evaluation/data to inform practice (i.e., How to access and assess national and local data trends as well as OSSE community schools evaluation report to strengthen DC community schools). There will also be a panel discussion for participants to hear from best practices that exist in the field for this topic area.

### **Dec. 20, 2016: Partnership Building**

This session will focus on partnership building (i.e., why are partnerships essential to community schools?), taking an inventory and determining school needs, and building a collaborative partnership. There will also be a panel discussion for participants to hear from best practices that exist in the field for this topic area.

# Upcoming Meetings

## Winter/Spring CoP Meetings

- **January 2017: Attendance**  
*Further information available soon*
- **February 2017: Family Engagement/Special Populations**  
*Further information available soon*
- **March 2017: Community & Public Health**  
*Further information available soon*
- **April 2017: Finance/Sustainability**  
*Further information available soon*
- **May 2017: “Telling Your Community School Story”/ Wrap-up**  
*Further information available soon*



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