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Colleagues,

We are excited to announce that year two of the Catalyst Coastal Collaborative (CCC) at PennGSE will begin in September of 2023. The theme for the 2023-24 exchange is:

Humanizing Educators, Academics, and Leadership (H.E.A.L.)

The HEAL experience will focus on human-centric approaches to applying evidence-based strategies for imbedding the humanizing mindset systemically and systematically.

- Practitioners, professors, and experts will facilitate solutions-based professional development to K-12 system and building leaders from September to June.
- Collaborative participants will be encouraged to identify workforce, system-wide and building level problems of practice that have resulted from the unprecedented season of global pandemic protocols and pervasive dehumanization and weaponization of K-12 systems.
- Presenters will explore intentional and unintentional disparities generated as a result of political polarization, mental health misplaced expectations and the prevalence of perpetual societal injustices.
- HEAL will be deliberate about examining the entire K-12 ecosystem, while simultaneously discovering, developing and implementing strategies for humanizing all stakeholders, including children, families, communities, educators and administrators.

HEAL sessions will also provide specific development in the areas of navigating, traversing and negotiating the deleterious polarization impacting local, regional and national efforts to educate children and protect educators.

There has never been a more critical time for education executives like yourselves to have a safe space to share, learn and grow.

Meeting Structure

The Collaborative will convene monthly for two and a half hour virtual sessions and with two additional opportunities for in-person immersive experiences during the 2023-2024 academic year. Each session will have time allocated for expert-led content, process time through breakout sessions as well as time for participants to reflect on the learning and how it applies to their leadership. Each session will center specific content for 90 minutes, with one 10-minute break, one team breakout for 30 minutes and 20 minutes of Q and A with presenters.

An added dimension to the platform will be an opportunity for monthly coaching. The coaching feature will be determined by interest and may require an additional fee. Cost for Collaborative participation during the 2023-24 academic year is as follows:

- Returning District Teams - \$12,000 for a team of 5
- Returning Individual Executives - \$3,000
- New District Teams - \$15,000 for a team of 5

New Districts cannot register individual Executives. The monthly coaching corner pricing is yet to be determined. Once interest for support of understanding and implementation has been established, the Center team will assess the cost of mobilizing PennGSE experts, researchers, and professors to staff the Collaborative Coaching Corner monthly.

You do not want to miss the opportunity to learn and grow with some of the following globally renowned thinkers and practitioners:

- **Michael Platt, Wharton**
- **Elizabeth Johnson, Wharton**
- **Sharon Ravitch, PennGSE**
- **Andrea Kane, PennGSE**
- **Jonah Berger, Wharton**
- **Khaleel Seecharan, Independent Sector**
- **Howard Stevenson, PennGSE**
- **Kandi Wiens, PennGSE, Penn Medical**
- **Derek Cabrera, Cornell**
- **Laura Cabrera, Cornell**
- **The Lion's Story Team**
- **Greg Sullivan, University of Missouri**
- **Bruce Wexler, Yale**
- **Lisa Solomon, Stanford**
- **Laura McBain, Stanford**
- **Nikole Hollins-Sims, Independent Sector**

Please do not hesitate. Respond to this [survey](#) about your level of interest in Catalyst Coastal Collaborative, take advantage of the opportunity to receive a year's worth of professional development for less than the cost of one day of training in most cases.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Foxx". The signature is stylized and includes a flourish at the end.

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