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“EPFP is a truly unique professional experience. It features outstanding guest speakers and stimulating discussions about the policies that shape education. The information and insights gained are extraordinary and are directly related to the challenges educators experience every day.”
Robert Feirsen, Superintendent, Garden City UFSD (June 2014)

Spring 2017

Dear Colleague:

Registration is now open for the 2017-2018 *Education Policy Fellowship Program* (EPFP). The Metro New York EPFP is a truly unique, yearlong professional development experience in the areas of leadership development, policy analysis, and policy implementation for education professionals and graduate students with an interest in education policy and related issues.

EPFP focuses on three pillars—policy, leadership, and networking. The core of the NY EPFP program is monthly policy seminars held on Fridays at Teachers College in New York City. These sessions include seminar style lecture/discussion with prominent professors and guest speakers working in the education policy and leadership arena. This year’s program will concentrate on federal and state policy issues through a lens that we introduced at our NY EPFP 35th Anniversary Symposium, *Public Education: The Public Good or The Individual Good*.

NY Fellows also can participate in the optional Regional Leadership Forum (October 5-6, 2017) with EPFP Fellows from seven sites. This one-of-a-kind event includes a docent-led strategic leadership experience on the Gettysburg National Battlefield and a half-day seminar at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA with Army instructors sharing strategic leadership concepts that are taught to military and government leaders, yet are equally applicable to education leaders.

The EPFP experience will culminate with the Washington Policy Seminar (WPS) from Sunday, March 18 through Wednesday, March 21, 2018 in Washington DC. Fellows from all 17 of the EPFP national sites will come together to gain deeper insight into the complexities of the political framework that affects policy development and implementation at the national and global level. This highly acclaimed conference includes distinguished national speakers; multi-state discussions on key issues; a Congressional Simulation, meetings with national policy leaders; and networking opportunities.

Each Fellow will also work in a team to develop and present a policy analysis, focusing on a policy issue that affects their job and/or school district.

EPFP has been operating continuously since 1964 and has grown to 17 sites across the country. Over 8,500 national EPFP alumni work in a wide range of senior leadership positions in public education (including state commissioners of education and school superintendents), government, higher education, non-profit and private sector organizations where they make important contributions to public policy and the improvement of local practice. Additional information about the national and state EPFP programs is available on the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) website: <http://epfp.iel.org>.

EPFP relies on a combination of grants and program fees from sponsoring organizations for support. Foundation grants to IEL enable us to lower the program fee to \$2,650 (fee is charged through a BOCES staff development Co-Ser, and qualifies for BOCES aid.) In addition, Fellows' sponsors, typically their employing organizations, will need to underwrite travel expenses to the regional and national meetings. The program fee will be reduced to \$2,300 per Fellow if a district has a school board member and superintendent (or administrator designee) participating together.


An application form is attached and will be considered on a "first come, first served" basis until the cohort – approximately 18 people – is filled. The co-coordinators for the New York Metro EPFP are Dr. Robert J. Monson (EPFP 1988-89), adjunct faculty member in the Department of Education Policy & Social Analysis at Teachers College, Columbia University and Lisa P. Davis (EPFP 2010-11), Executive Director of the Westchester Putnam Schools Boards Association (WPSBA). Renée Gargano (EPFP 2009-10) and Putnam / Northern Westchester BOCES staff will provide overall support for the program. For further information on the NY EPFP, please visit the website <http://epfp.iel.org> (NY webpage) or contact one of us directly.

We hope you will give serious thought to either enrolling in this program yourself or nominating one of your key administrators or board members. Previous participants have found the range of EPFP experiences to be enriching and valuable in the performance of their existing jobs, and in preparing them to assume new, more challenging responsibilities. This is a truly exceptional opportunity for senior-level school administrators and school board members across our region.

Sincerely,

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NY Metro EPFP 2017-2018 Application Form (page 2)

FOR COMPLETION BY APPLICANT'S SUPERVISOR OR EMPLOYING AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE:

The New York Metro Education Policy Fellows (EPFP) will be expected to attend monthly full day sessions at Teachers College, NYC and the Washington Policy Seminar in Washington DC (March 18-21, 2018). There is an optional Regional Leadership Forum in Pennsylvania, October 5-6, 2017.

The full year program fee is \$2,650 (payable to PNW BOCES; Co-Ser eligible) PLUS travel, hotel and related expenses. We offer a reduced rate program fee of \$2,300 per Fellow if a district has both a school board member and superintendent or administrator-designee participating together).

Your signature below ensures the employee applicant's release time for full participation in the Fellowship Program and your commitment to underwrite some or all of the expenses. It indicates that the Employing Agency has apprised the Applicant of what fees and expenses it will cover.

Signature of the Applicant's Supervisor:

Print Supervisor's Name: _____

Supervisor's Title: _____

Organization: _____

Supervisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

NY METRO EPFP APPLICANT COMMITMENT:

Your signature below ensures that, if accepted into the Education Policy Fellowship Program, you make a commitment to attend all of the sessions planned for the 2017-2018 year and the Washington Policy Seminar, and to assume any EPFP fees or related expenses not agreed to be borne by your employing agency.

Print Applicant's Name

Applicant's Signature

Date

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EPFP PROGRAM?

Check the EPFP website (webpage for New York EPFP): <http://epfp.iel.org>

OR contact:

Dr. Robert Monson: rjm210@tc.columbia.edu

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***Applications for the EPFP cohort will be considered on a "first come, first served" basis.
Please return the signed and completed application form to:***

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TEACHERS COLLEGE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, PUTNAM / N. WESTCHESTER BOCES & WESTCHESTER PUTNAM SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION:

EDUCATION POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

***Public Education: The Public Good or The Individual Good?*
Schedule of 2017-18 Meetings NEW YORK METRO Cohort (as of 3/20/2017)**

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	Invited Expert (s)
Setting the Stage: The Social Context & NYS Governance	September 15 (Friday)	10:00 am to 3:00 pm	Teachers College, Columbia University	Aaron Pallas, Prof. of Sociology & Education, TC and Judith Johnson, NYS Regent
Strategic Leadership Forum at the U.S. Army War College & Gettysburg National Battlefield	October 5 and 6 (Thurs-Fri)	Oct. 5 - 8:30 am – 6:00 pm Oct.6 - 8:30 am – 2:00 pm	Gettysburg & Carlisle, PA	Leadership Lessons from Gettysburg. War College Faculty- Preparation of Strategic Leaders
The Changing Nature of Metropolitan Suburbs: A Sociologist's Perspective	November 13 (Monday)	10:00 am to 3:00 pm	Teachers College, Columbia University	Amy Stuart Wells, Prof. of Sociology & Education, Teachers College
Charters, Choice & Vouchers: Are they here to stay? Followed by a site visit to NYC charter school.	December 8 (Friday)	8:30 am –3:00 pm	NYC Charter School TBA & Teachers College	Prof. Luis Huerta, Dept. of Education Policy & Social Analysis, Teachers College
The End of Exceptionalism in American Education: The Politics of School Reform	January 26, 2018 (Friday)	10:00am to 3:00PM	Teachers College, Columbia University	Prof. Jeffrey Henig, Chair, Dept. of Education Policy & Social Analysis & Professor of Political Science, Columbia University
Preparing for Washington: The Federal Role in Public Education	February 16 (Friday)	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Teachers College, Columbia University	Dr. Michael Usdan, Senior Fellow Institute for Educational Leadership, Washington, DC
Washington DC Policy Seminar	March 18-21 (Sunday noon to Wednesday noon)	March 18 1:00pm – 5 pm March 19, 20 Full days March 21 8:00 – Noon	Washington, D.C Marriott Wardman Park Hotel	National speakers and panels, interactive Congressional Simulation, workshops, and networking discussions
EPFP Fellow education policy project presentations	April 27 (Friday)	10:00 am to 3:00 pm	Teachers College, Columbia University	EPFP Fellows
Closing Luncheon: presentation of certificates, discussion and evaluation of the program year.	May 11 (Friday)	11:30 to 2:30 PM	Trevi Ristorante, West Harrison, NY	Lisa Davis and Bob Monson

NOTES: November 13th meeting day is on a Monday.
Speakers are subject to change.

We will send one or two related readings (with guided reading questions) 10 days in advance of each session.