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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 2018

Dear Colleague:

Registration is now open for the 2018-2019 *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. The program will concentrate on federal and state policy issues through a lens of *Public Education: The Public Good or The Individual Good?*

NY Metro Fellows also can participate in the optional Regional Leadership Forum (October 4-5, 2018) with EPFP Fellows from six states. 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 Wednesday, March 13 through Saturday, March 16, 2019 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 influencers; and networking opportunities.

Each NY Metro 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. Almost 9,000 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.

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 Associate Professor 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 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 of education 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 2018-2019 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 13-16, 2019). There is an optional Regional Leadership Forum in Pennsylvania, October 4-5, 2018.

The full year program fee is \$2,650 (payable to Putnam/N. Westchester BOCES; Co-Ser eligible) PLUS travel, hotel and related expenses.

Your signature below ensures the employee'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 2018-2019 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

Lisa Davis: ldavis@wpsba.org

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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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EDUCATION POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Public Education: The Public Good or The Individual Good?

Schedule of 2018-19 Meetings NEW YORK METRO Cohort

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	Invited Expert (s)
Setting the Stage: The Social Context & NYS Governance	September 21 (Friday)	10:00 am to 3:00 pm	Teachers College, Columbia University	Aaron Pallas, Prof. of Sociology & Education, Teachers College; Judith Johnson, NYS Regent
Strategic Leadership Forum at the U.S. Army War College and the Gettysburg National Battlefield	October 4 and 5 (Thurs-Fri)	Oct. 4 - 8:30 am – 6:00 pm Oct. 5 - 8:30 am – 2:00 pm	Gettysburg & Carlisle, PA	Leadership Lessons from the Gettysburg Battlefield. Army War College Faculty- Preparation of Strategic Leaders
The Changing Nature of Metropolitan Suburbs: A Sociologist’s Perspective; Pursuing Equity in Education Funding and Programming	November 9 (Friday)	10:00 am to 3:00 pm	Teachers College, Columbia University	AM: Amy Stuart Wells, Prof. of Sociology & Education, Teachers College; PM: Michael Rebell, Executive Director, Campaign for Educational Equity, Teachers College
Charters, Choice & Vouchers: Are they here to stay? Followed by a site visit to NYC choice school.	November 30 (Friday)	8:30 am –3:00 pm	NYC 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 25, 2019 (Friday)	10:00am to 3:00PM	Teachers College, Columbia University	Prof. Jeffrey Henig, Dept. of Education Policy & Social Analysis & Prof. of Political Science, Columbia University
Preparing for Washington: The Federal Role in Public Education	February 8 (Friday)	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Teachers College, Columbia University	Dr. Michael Usdan, Senior Fellow Institute for Educational Leadership Washington, DC
Washington Policy Seminar (WPS), National EPFP Conference	March 13-16 (Wednesday noon to Saturday noon)	March 13 1:00pm – 5 pm March 14, 15 Full Days March 16 8:00 – Noon	Washington, D.C. Marriott Wardman Park	Norman Ornstein, Frederick M. Hess, and other speakers TBA. Full Schedule to follow.
Ethical Issues in Education Leadership Education Policy presentations;	April 26 (Friday)	10:00 am to 3:00 pm	Teachers College, Columbia University	Prof. David Hansen, Philosophy in Education, Teachers College EPFP Fellows
Education Policy presentations; Certificates awarded; Year-end evaluation	May 10 (Friday)	10:00 am to 3:00 pm	Teachers College, Columbia University	EPFP Fellows

Notes: For each Friday session, we will send one or two related readings (with guided reading questions) 10 days in advance of the session.

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