

**October Summit:
Bridging the Equity Gap with Innovative Connections**

**Friday & Saturday – October 6-7, 2017
The Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center
Nashville, TN**

Ensuring all students have digital access is a crucial component to preparing our students for success. At the Fall 2017 T&L Leadership Summit, attendees will have the opportunity to listen to and share the many innovative ways district leaders have achieved this goal through innovative solutions. From low-income to affluent districts, located in a variety of regions from rural to urban, these stories all have one goal in common: making sure every student is connected both at school and at home. Attendees will walk away with new ideas and an expanded support network of colleagues they can tap into as they roll out plans for ongoing digital equity—and much more.

In addition to examining this theme, attendees will have the opportunity to suggest and select topics for small group discussions that they will attend during the second day of the conference. Topics range from data privacy to professional learning, 1:1 models to facilitating change. Tech & Learning Leadership Summit participants are both teachers and learners at these events, sharing their challenges and successes with their peers, brainstorming solutions to a variety of challenges, building a personal learning network of colleagues they can turn to for counsel throughout the year, and walking away with action items they can put into place in their districts.

Friday, October 6

1:00 - 2:30 pm: Arrivals and Event Registration

3:00 - 5:00 pm: Off-Site Visit to Nashville Software School *[meet at event registration by 2:30 for a 2:45 departure]*

We will visit Nashville Software School, a nonprofit vocational school that prepares adults for careers in technical fields such as software development, UI/UX design, and data science. Attendees will tour their flexible learning spaces and hear from a panel of educators and graduates about their teaching methodology, how the community and school work together, and how NSS focuses on underrepresented groups in tech.

5:30 - 6:30 pm: Welcome Reception

6:45 - 8:30 pm: Dinner and Introductions

Saturday, October 7

7:30 - 8:15 am: Breakfast

8:15 – 9:15 am: General Session: Bridging the Equity Gap with Innovative Connections

The morning session begins with a panel discussion that includes administrators from several different districts sharing stories about how their communities have moved toward closing the digital divide. Attendees will then have the chance to break into small groups to share their challenges and solutions.

9:20 – 10:20 am: Birds of a Feather

Attendees will have the chance to break into small groups to discuss challenges and solutions tailored to their own district's demographics.

10:30 am - 12:20 pm: Working Groups and Sponsor meetings

Several "working groups" will meet during this time period to drill down on topics chosen by attendees. Some possible topics include:

- (1) Data Privacy and Security/Identity Management
- (2) Valuing and Encouraging Diversity — From the Classroom to the Leadership Team
- (3) Network Infrastructure, Bandwidth and the Cloud
- (4) The Home-School-Community Connection -- involving parents and offering access beyond the school walls
- (5) Redesigning Classrooms and Other Learning Spaces
- (6) Measuring ROI and the Impact of programs
- (7) Effective Partnerships between IT and Curriculum
- (8) Professional Learning/PD and Coaching
- (9) Digital Equity Issues in Schools Today
- (10) Teaching Critical Thinking and Digital Citizenship
- (11) Blended and Personalized Learning
- (12) Maximizing the Effectiveness/ROI of Your 1:1 Implementation

Those not participating in a working group at this time will be involved in one-on-one/small group meetings with sponsors, as well as informal "Anything Goes" discussions with colleagues.

12:30 - 1:30 pm: Lunch, Dessert Reception and Networking

1:40 – 3:30 pm: Working Groups and Sponsor meetings

Additional working groups will meet during this time period – along with one-on-one/small group meetings with sponsors and informal discussions with colleagues. During the course of the day, each attendee will participate in two working groups on topics of their choosing, as well as a number of smaller meetings and discussions.

3:40 – 4:30 pm: Lessons Learned

The final session will be an opportunity to identify specific takeaways attendees will put into place in their districts. These will be included in a follow-up report to be published in the Tech & Learning Leader newsletter as well as a summary in T&L magazine.

6:00 - 8:30 pm: Closing Dinner – The Standard at the Smith House