



SECOND YEAR LEADER OF LEADERS COLLABORATIVE

"An effective principal's impact is stronger and broader than previously thought, making it "difficult to envision" a higher return on investment in K-12 education than the cultivation of high-quality school leadership."

Wallace Foundation, "How Principals Affect Students and Schools: A Systematic Synthesis of Two Decades of Research," 2021



School leadership, principal leadership and assistant principal leadership matter. Now, the Wallace Foundation clearly states there is no higher return on investment than high-quality leadership. **To support this claim, the Pennsylvania Principals Association, in partnership with the Schlechty Center, is proud to announce the second cohort of the Leader of Leaders Collaborative.**

The *Leader of Leaders Collaborative* is designed using the frameworks the Schlechty Center makes available to educators to use in the design of engaging work for both students and adults. We will start each new experience with a guiding question: What can school leaders learn from this experience to help them be better leaders in their schools? When field trips are involved, we ask another question: What can school leaders learn from how this organization does its business?

Principals who choose to participate and make a commitment to join this collaborative will attend three, three-day in-person sessions and will earn **90 Act 45 hours**. Four one-hour virtual check-in sessions will be held throughout the year. They will receive the Schlechty Center's *Redefining the Role of Principals as Leaders of Leaders* leadership tool designed for principals to assess their capacity to support continuous innovation and systemic change.

This is what your colleagues had to say about Leader of Leaders ...

"Attending the Leader of Leaders Conference hosted by the Pennsylvania Principal Association and Schlechty was an incredibly valuable experience. The sessions provided insightful strategies and experiences that I can apply to foster engagement and promote high- level learning."

- Donna Ryan, Glenn Acres Elementary School, West Chester A.S.D.

"The Leader of Leaders Collaborative has been a boon in multiple ways. We get so entrenched in the day-today grind and the way we do business: at times, we get stagnant. The LLC has reignited my focus on engaging students and staff, while providing resources, facilities and programs that lend themselves to that focus."

- David Dietrich, Spring Grove Area High School, Spring Grove A.S.D.

"The Leader of Leaders workshop is a fantastic opportunity to connect with experienced administrators, share insights and gain fresh perspectives on leadership. I had the chance to collaborate with other school leaders, exchanging ideas that were both practical and impactful."

- Jason Sherlock, B. Reed High School, West Chester A.S.D.

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SESSION DATES AND DETAILS

July 29-31, 2025	Kickoff Session In-Person Location: <u>Marriott International, Bethesda, Maryland</u>	
September 24, 2025	Virtual Check-In	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
November 12-14, 2025	In-Person Session Location: Annapolis, Maryland Visit: <u>U.S. Naval Academy</u>	
January 8, 2026	Virtual Check-In	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
March 5, 2026	Virtual Check-In	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
April 23, 2026	Virtual Check-In	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
June 16-18, 2026	Closing Session In-Person Location: TBD	

Focusing questions for our site visits:

- How do principals get clear about their own beliefs and what they believe about the nature of the enterprise they are leading?
- How do leaders consider the needs, motives and values of those they are charged to lead?
- How do leaders empower the students' voice through the design of the culture in their buildings?
- In what ways do leaders think about the engagement and morale of those they lead?
- As change is constant, how do leaders prepare themselves and those they lead to maintain the direction and adapt to change?



COST

The cost for the year-long experience is \$3,250. This includes:

- Hotel Accommodations 6 Nights
- Meals for the three trips
- Collaborative materials
- Entrance fees where applicable

Costs not included:

• Travel to three onsite visits (Marriott International, Bethesda, MD; Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD; and June 2026 Location TBD).

If you have additional questions, please contact ...

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