

# Inter-District Partnership Series 2021 - 22

The Inter-District Partnership (IDP) series is sponsored by NWSISD's Family and Community Empowerment Program and Multicultural Resource Center. IDPs are available to all employees within our seven member districts. One month prior to the event a registration link will be emailed to building principals and district level personnel. Each event has a capacity of 50 attendees unless otherwise noted.

## **Healing the Healer and the Adjusting Child - Dr. Aja King**

**Date:** Wednesday, August 25, 2021

**Time:** Noon - 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Virtual

**Description:** Being a teaching professional is entrenched in healing qualities which impacts the lives of children. While being a healer may be rewarding, it's also stressful in the best of times. Right now, we are living through the stress. Our mission to heal has been covered with uncertainty as we step up for children who are experiencing so many layers of complex trauma. This session will offer concrete tips on how to heal yourself on various cultural spectrums as you care for children adjusting to their new educational norms.

## **Community Healing Circle: Bimodal Virtual Training - Dr. Rassheedah Watts**

**Date:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021

**Time:** Noon - 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Virtual (link will be provided)

**Description:** Rooted in indigenous tradition, healing circles serve as a compassion-based platform which provides opportunity for sharing lived truths, emphasizes active listening and being open to differing perspectives. In this special bimodal training workshop, attendees will first participate in a racial healing circle which will take place during the first 2 hours (*see special participation note below*). During the second portion of the training, participants will be guided through the components of facilitating a circle, with time for questions and answers.

## **Microaggression - Dr. Karen McKinney**

**Date:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021

**Time:** Noon - 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Virtual (link will be provided)

**Description:** Participants will have a deeper understanding of microaggressions and increase their capacity to recognize them while being able to take action when microaggressions happen. Individuals will reflect on your own practice in life and workplace in regards to microaggressions. Throughout this IDP, participants will learn how to feel equipped to be an ally to targeted groups.

## **An Immigrant Experience**

**Date:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021

**Time:** Noon - 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** NWSISD District Office

**Description:** Participants will hear first-hand experiences from people that immigrated to Minnesota. Our goal is to learn how immigrants are continuing to be connected to their culture while learning and understanding a new culture in a different area of the world. Participants will also hear how important schools and education are in understanding a different culture.

## **Network for the Development of Children of African Descent (NdCAD) Field Trip**

**Date:** Wednesday, February 2, 2022

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Depart from NWSISD District Office, Tour NdCAD, Soul food lunch provided by NWSISD

**Description:** Take a tour of the Network for the Development of Children of African Descent center. NdCAD envisions a place where the African spirit is nurtured and renewed through their mission of strengthening cultural connections within communities of African descent that promote, sustain and enhance the healthy development of our children. A soul food lunch will be provided and hosted by NWSISD.

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### **DACA Student Experiences**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 2, 2022

**Time:** Noon - 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** NWSISD District Office

**Description:** Participants will learn what the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is and isn't while hearing experiences from local DACA students. This will be an inside look at the DACA experience and how local students are living within the residency program while trying to succeed in education.

### **Dakota Sacred Sites Tour - Dr. Darlene St. Clair**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 4, 2022

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Bus Tour (Depart from NWSISD District Office), and TBD lunch on your own

**Description:** We are living, learning, and working in a particular place with a long, fascinating, troubling, and frequently unknown story. One goal for this tour is that participants begin to experience the place we live in as Mnisota Makoce, the Dakota homelands. We will be visiting several Dakota sacred sites located in an area that would later be called the Twin Cities. How has colonization impacted Dakota use and access to these places? How have Dakota people asserted a continuing relationship with these places? What happens when this history is unknown by Minnesotans. How can educators work to address this gap in knowledge and understanding? This tour will provide participants with a more nuanced and detailed understanding of the place we call home.

## Do you need a Meeting Room?



The NWSISD district office has two meeting rooms available free of charge. If you are interested in reserving space, please call our main office line at 763-450-1300.

The **Mississippi Room** is equipped with a large screen, projector, sound system, and two whiteboards. Room capacity is 50.

The **Minnesota Room** is equipped with large screen, projector and whiteboard. Room capacity is 12.

Available weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. excluding July and winter break.

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*The lattice design shown is a combination of modern geometrics, an ode to intricate patterning of Islamic and Celtic art, and the interrelationships of cultures, people, and programs. Our font selection is a combination of modern outlook on integration techniques and handwritten notes to highlight the active process of the NWSISD programs.*