

# Inter-District Partnership Series 2022 - 23

**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 detailed event description with times, location, and registration link will be emailed to building principals and district level personnel.**

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

**Date:** Wednesday, August 24, 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 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.

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

**Date:** Wednesday, October 5, 2022, 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.

## **The Inner Workings of Student Relationships while Dealing with Race and Culture - Willie Adams and Kendrick Walton**

**Date:** Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** NWSISD District Office

**Description:** Participants will be able to learn and have conversations about the importance of student relationships in education. Participants will also learn and have conversations about how race and culture impact relationships that are necessary for so many students to succeed in education.

## **How Society Shapes Community, Race, and Culture - Dr. Rassheedah Watts**

**Date:** Wednesday, December 7, 2022, time TBD

**Location:** Virtual

**Description:** Dr. Watts will walk participants through how society helps shape how we see and experience community, race and culture. Participants will be guided through conversations and activities that allow participants to evaluate how the society they have been a part of has shaped their views. This IDP is the first part of a larger deep-dive on how society shapes our views and how to work with-in those communities to better shape our profession. The deep-dive will be a 2-part evening series in January.

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

**Date:** Wednesday, February 8, 2023, time TBD

**Location:** Tour NdCAD office (3255 Spring St. NE, Mpls, MN 55413), 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.

## **A DACA and Immigration Student Experience (part 1)**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 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.

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## A DACA and Immigration Student Experiences (Part 2)

**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 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 their culture while learning and understanding a new culture in a new and different area of the world. Participants will also hear how important schools and education is in understanding different cultures.

## TransAtlantic Slave Trade (Mama - African Holocaust) - Dr. Karen McKinney

**Date:** Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** NWSISD District Office

**Description:** *Maafa*, the Swahili word for "great disaster" or "great tragedy," is a term used to refer to the centuries-long enslavement and murder of millions of Africans by white Europeans, North Americans, and others—and the lasting impacts on African Peoples and the descendants of those who were enslaved. Participants will be guided through a moment in an enslavement simulation by Dr. McKinney. Participants will then have a chance to have a conversation about what they saw, felt and experienced during the simulation.



## 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.*