

High AIMS August Update

August 2024. Tom Burton & Dr. Mari Phillips

Message from Tom Burton, Executive Director

Dear High AIMS Community,

Welcome to a new and exciting year with High AIMS! We are thrilled to embark on this journey with each of you, as we focus on the power of collaboration and connectivity to drive our collective success.

Research consistently shows that collaboration and connectivity are cornerstones of effective learning environments. When educators work together and share insights, the ripple effects can lead to significant improvements in student outcomes. By fostering a culture of collaboration, we can harness the collective expertise within our community, paving the way for innovative solutions and enriched learning experiences for our students.

This year promises to be filled with enriching opportunities for professional growth and leadership development. We are excited to announce several key events designed to bring our community together:



1. **Cohort Meetings:** Multiple cohorts will convene throughout the year, providing a platform for continuous learning and support. These gatherings will enable us to share best practices, tackle challenges collaboratively, and celebrate our successes.
2. **High School Student Leadership Conference:** This conference will empower high school leaders with the skills and insights needed to inspire and lead their peers. It's an excellent opportunity for students to develop their leadership potential and make meaningful connections.
3. **Middle Level Symposium:** Aimed at our middle school educators and leaders, this symposium will focus on the unique challenges and opportunities within middle level education. Together, we'll explore strategies to enhance student engagement and achievement.
4. **Leadership Retreat:** This retreat is a highlight of our calendar, offering a dedicated space for reflection, strategic planning, and team building. It's a chance to step back, recharge, and realign our efforts to ensure we're meeting our goals with clarity and purpose.

As we look ahead, let’s remember the words of Helen Keller: "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." This quote perfectly encapsulates the spirit of High AIMS. By working together and supporting one another, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to all the incredible things we will accomplish together. Thank you for being a part of the High AIMS community. Let’s make this year extraordinary!

Warm Regards,
Tom
Executive Director

Message from Dr. Mari Phillips, Lead Cohort Director

Welcome Back, High AIMS Leadership Cohort Groups!

Hopefully, you have recharged and are ready for a great school year. We look forward to another year of collaborative success and innovation within our community. Please mark your calendars for the critical dates of Consortium activities and events for the 2024-2025 school year. I've listed a detailed schedule and updates below. Let's continue to lead with purpose, inspire our teams, and create impactful change for our students and schools. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!



2024-2025 HIGH AIMS COHORT MEETING DATES AND TIMES

The first meeting location of the school year is identified. During that meeting, your group will determine additional meeting locations for the remainder of the school year.
([CLICK HERE](#) to see meeting dates and times).

UNLOCKING LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL: EMBRACE COLLABORATION, INNOVATION, AND PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WITH HIGH AIMS!

Get ready to embark on an exhilarating journey of growth and discovery! *In the coming weeks, each cohort group will receive a dynamic spreadsheet filled with engaging and relevant titles, curated specifically to spark insightful discussions throughout the school year.* These carefully selected topics are designed to inspire thoughtful dialogue, foster collaborative learning, and cater to the unique needs and interests of each cohort.

On the spreadsheet, I am requesting you to review and identify topics that resonate with you and support your leadership development and put an X in the space provided. Follow the instructions at the top of each column. The topics could also be a challenge that needs to be solved in your district. As leaders, you have the exciting opportunity to explore these topics, pinpointing those that will most ignite your passion and enhance your professional growth. There may be others you want to add . Feel free to do add.

Beyond discussion, you can bring these topics to life by incorporating hands-on activities, real-world case studies, and inviting guest speakers, making each session not just informative but truly

transformative.

Your authentic engagement and collective involvement will be the cornerstone of our success. Together, let's harness the power of collaboration, innovation, and professional learning to make a lasting impact. This is your moment to shine and lead with passion and purpose! Join us in creating an inspiring and impactful experience for all.

HIGH AIMS STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

We are thrilled to extend a special invitation to our High AIMS Consortium district members and their high school students in grades 9 - 11 to the highly anticipated High AIMS Student Leadership Conference! This inspiring event, set to be a day of growth and inspiration, will take place at the Delta Hotel by Marriott, located at 11140 Chester Road, Sharonville, Ohio.

Join us for an unforgettable day where students will immerse themselves in highly engaging leadership activities designed to ignite their potential and inspire action. The conference provides an opportunity for students to develop critical leadership skills, collaborate with peers from different districts, participate in highly engaging leadership activities, and create a personalized action plan to bring back and implement in their schools. This is a chance for your students to grow, learn, and make a significant difference in their school community.

We strongly encourage your outstanding student leaders to participate in this transformative experience. The High AIMS Student Leadership Conference promises to be a catalyst for student empowerment and school improvement. Your participation is crucial in cultivating the next generation of leaders. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity. [CLICK ON THE FLYER](#) to get more information about the event. ***More detailed information is contained in the registration form below.***

We look forward to seeing students from all of our member districts. See you there! Please complete and submit the following Student Leadership Conference Registration Form by Monday, September 16, 2024. [CLICK HERE](#) to register for the leadership conference.



Embracing a New School Year: Your Vision and Goals as Leaders

As we embark on this new school year, your pivotal role as leaders is to create an environment where every student feels valued, supported, and inspired to reach their full potential. What are your vision and goals?

AASA Learning 2025

The Portrait of a Graduate

"The Future of the Portrait of a Graduate" report is here! This comprehensive report from Battelle for Kids evaluates a decade of progress in transforming education through the implementation of the Portrait of a Graduate framework and offers valuable insights and practical guidance for educators, policymakers, and community leaders committed to preparing students for a dynamic and unpredictable world.

This Futurecast report is the culmination of extensive research, community engagement, and practical experience. It features contributions from key stakeholders, including the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, AASA, The School Superintendents Association, and America Succeeds.

Additionally, with 70% of EdLeader21 Network member districts having implemented a Portrait, the report amplifies the voices of various district superintendents and central office leaders, offering tangible examples of real-world application and impact.

The report includes insights into the planning, design, and implementation of Portraits from more than a dozen districts across the nation, including rural, suburban, and urban systems.

[Learn more and get your copy!](#)



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