

Problem Solving with Student Voice: Practical Strategies and Lessons from the Field

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January 14, 8:30—11:30 AM or 12:30—3:30 PM

At Metro ECSU

Metropolitan Education Leaders Network — Leadership In-Service Series
This year's theme — *Honing Your Leadership Craft*

Students have the greatest stake in their education, but many times have little to say about how their education is delivered or about the educational opportunities provided to them. This lack of agency represents a lost opportunity to improve learning and to prepare students for the future world in which taking initiative, communicating effectively, and having confidence to share opinions is crucial to success.

This hands-on session will introduce educators to practical ways to use student voice in classrooms, schools and districts. Students will be present to share their experiences and perspectives.

Definition of Student Voice:
Authentic student input into instruction, school systems and practices that can inform educators and promote positive change

Participants will:

- Learn strategies that have been used by educators to increase student voice
- Examine and evaluate current opportunities for student voice.
- Create a plan for increasing opportunities for student voice for all levels of students
- Hear from students themselves about the impact of student voice.

About the Presenters

Imina Oftedahl is Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for Burnsville, District 191. Previously Oftedahl was the Director of Educational Services at Fridley Public Schools. She has served as Director of Curriculum at Centennial Schools and of Language Arts/ESL in White Bear Lake and Parker, AZ. Oftedahl also was VP Publisher for Pearson AGS Globe Supplements. She holds superintendent licensure, K-12 administrative licensure and a Master of Arts degree in Curriculum and Instruction.

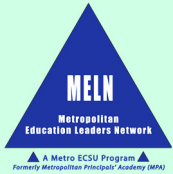


Kristine Schaefer is the Assistant Superintendent for Academic Excellence and Accountability at South Washington County Schools, District 833. Previously she has served as District Equity Coordinator and as a principal, assistant principal, and counselor at various schools within the district. Before joining District 833, Schaefer was the Dean of Students at Forest Lake High School. She holds superintendent licensure, K-12 educational administrative licensure and is currently working towards her Doctorate in Educational Leadership. She is also an adjunct professor at both St. Mary's University and the University of WI River Falls.



Who Should Attend: Education leaders – school and district administrators, principals, assistant principals, teacher leaders, teaching and learning directors, superintendents, content and instructional coaches, and other interested educators.

Registration Information



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Register Online: <https://metroecsus.myquickreg.com/register/event/>

Fee: No Fee MELN Members Within Tier
\$125.00 MELN Members Over Tier
\$175.00 MELN Non-Members

Location: Metro ECSU, 2 Pine Tree Dr, Arden Hills, MN 55112 (Anderson Center/Bethel University)

Registration Deadline: Jan 14, 2020

Cancellation Deadline: Jan 10, 2020

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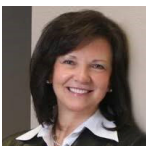
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FUTURE MELN EVENTS



February 11, *Difficult Conversations*, John Eller, 8:30—11:30 OR 12:30—3:30



February 25, *5 Voices Session 3: Team Kryptonite and Applied Learning for Your Team*, Rynell Schock, 8:30—12:00 (for participants in either 5 Voices session 1 or session 2)