

IT'S A PARADIGM SHIFT. SO WHAT?

March 7th 12:00pm-6:00pm Hilton Austin Downtown, Salon F

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. Recognize the difference between efforts to reform the system and efforts to transform it and why it matters.
2. Discover the difference that learner-centered education makes from the perspective of the learner.
3. Explore how you might begin or continue to shift to learner-centered education in your own community.

LENGTH: 6 hours

AGENDA

12:00-12:15 WELCOME AND CONNECTION

We will get connected to one another as human beings committed to education, honoring the work we do every day to ensure all learners thrive.

12:15-1:30 WHAT'S A PARADIGM, ANYWAY?

Through stimulating small and large group exercises, we will engage in a challenging, yet invigorating, conversation about what a paradigm is and what it means for our learners and communities. We'll grapple with the underlying assumptions and anomalies at the heart of our current education system—bringing them to life in a way that let's us see beyond them. Together, we'll distinguish a new paradigm of education.

With this new food for thought, you'll find yourself seeing the world and the way we think about education in a whole new light!

1:30-1:45 BREAK

1:45-2:30 LEARNER PANEL: WHAT IS LEARNER-CENTERED EDUCATION?

Engage with three amazing young learners experiencing learner-centered education in unique models across the country. They'll share what learner-centered education means to them and the difference it has made for their futures. And, don't worry—these learners will be with us all day! It wouldn't be a learner-centered summit without them!

2:30-4:00 **DESIGNING FROM A LEARNER'S PERSPECTIVE**

What is the most underutilized and overlooked resource in education? The learner.

In small groups, we'll experience the possibilities that open up when we truly listen to learners—getting to know them as unique individuals with interests, passions, challenges, and aspirations. Authentically listening, we'll interview young learners from across the country about who they are and what they want from their education.

Then, all together, we'll put the idea of a paradigm to the test. Starting with the learner in front of you, each table will create two different learning pathways designed to meet the needs of that individual child—an experience that supports them to flourish. You can draw a picture, create a skit, compose a song, or choreograph a dance! Anything you want that will show off a day in the learner's life.

We'll come together to share our creations and illuminate the insights we had in preparing and sharing our performances.

4:00-4:15 **BREAK**

4:15-5:00 **LEADING LEARNER-CENTERED PIONEERS PANEL: BRINGING THE MINDSET SHIFT TO YOUR COMMUNITY**

Ready to move beyond the current system of education to a transformed future of learning? Join leading learner-centered pioneers for an in-depth discussion about their own journeys toward learner-centered and how they have engaged their communities in making the transformation a reality. What does it mean to cause a mindset shift for others? What are the first steps? What are the pitfalls to avoid? What is there still to be learned?

Panelists: **Cederick Ellis**, McComb School District
 Trace Pickering, Iowa BIG and Education Reimagined
 Jim Rickabaugh, Institute for Personalized Learning

5:00-5:40 **DIVING IN DEEP WITH FELLOW PIONEERS**

Join one or two of the panelists for a deep dive conversation on a topic that matters to you. There is no roadmap or blueprint for reimagining our education system. It will only come from all of us sharing, learning, creating, and pushing each others' thinking. Spend time with your fellow travelers on the road to learner-centered education to discuss the challenges, insights, and wonderings most important to you in bringing a new future for education to life.

5:40-6:00 **CLOSING**

All of us are in this journey together—discovering, learning, failing forward, and experimenting as we go. We'll close our session with a time to acknowledge those in the room for their contributions in the Summit and to the movement.

6:00-9:30 **10 GALLON PARTY!!**

Not ready to say goodbye? Join us across the street at the **Iron Cactus** for a Texas-Size Party. The first drink's on us!