Invitation to the

State and Local Educational Equity Network Summit

May 1, 12:00 p.m.–May 2, 12:00 p.m.

Location:
American Institutes for Research® (AIR®)
Headquarters: 1400 Crystal Drive, 10th Floor, Arlington, VA 22202

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We are pleased to invite you to participate in the Inaugural State and Local Educational Equity Network (SLEEN) Summit, hosted by the Center for Education Equity at MAEC. SLEEN aims to bring together states and districts to address gaps and challenges in achieving educational equity.

About SLEEN

During this summit, you will have the opportunity to collaborate with fellow state and district leaders, engage in discussions about common challenges, and explore potential solutions for systemic inequities. You will also receive valuable tools and resources to develop a plan for addressing state and local drivers of inequity.

Goals

By attending this summit and actively participating in the follow-up activities, your state or district team will:

1. Collaborate with fellow state and district leaders to discuss common challenges and potential solutions for systemic inequities.

2. Acquire tools and resources to develop a plan for addressing state and local drivers of inequity.

3. Develop proficiency in understanding the common drivers of inequity in school systems.

4. Use a template provided during the summit to establish a foundation for long-term and sustainable action in addressing inequities within your school systems.

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Agenda Highlights

- **Presentation and Discussion on Drivers of Educational Inequity**

- **Why Systemic Exploration of Achievement Gaps Matter:** Practitioners leading equity work will discuss their unique contexts and the importance of exploring achievement gaps.

- **Diversity Data Tool Workshop:** Introduce the Diversity Data Tool and allow participants to engage in interactive data input.

- **Equitable and Inclusive Stakeholder Engagement Practices:** Experts experienced in soliciting consultation and advice from the community, with an emphasis on marginalized voices, will discuss equitable and inclusive stakeholder engagement practices.

- **READI Framework and Data Tool Workshop:** An interactive workshop will introduce the READI Framework for equity in implementation and its associated data tool.

- **Guided Team Time:** Teams will have dedicated time to complete the template and plan next steps.

Logistics

Participants are responsible for their travel expenses, including hotel and airfare. The following guidance can assist you in your planning.

Lodging

- Crowne Plaza Crystal City (1480 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202—adjacent to AIR headquarters); 703-416-1600; 877-227-6963

- DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel (300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202); 703-416-4100; 855-610-8733

- Courtyard by Marriott (2899 Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA 22202); 703-549-3434; 800-321-2211

- Crystal Gateway Marriott (1700 Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA 22202); 703-920-3230; 800-228-9290

- Crystal City Marriott (1999 Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA); 703-413-5500; 800-228-9290

- Embassy Suites (1393 S. Eads Street, Arlington, VA); 703-979-9799; 800-362-2779

Air Travel

DC has three airports: Reagan National Airport (DCA), Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD), and Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI). DCA is closest to the AIR office and hotels (2 miles), IAD is 34 miles from the AIR office, and BWI is 40 miles away.

Ground Transportation

Taxis, Uber, and Lyft are available from all airports, along with airport shuttle services. If you are arriving at DCA, the Blue Line (New Carrollton) is one stop to the Crystal City Metro station. The AIR office is a 2-block distance from the Crystal City Metro station.

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