



Educators CONNECT for SUCCESS Conference

EMBRACING HOPE,
PURPOSE, AND JOY
IN OUR SCHOOLS



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The Ohio Union
The Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio



CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Submit your proposal to present by December 2, 2016

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2017 Educators Connect for Success

focuses on empowering students and educators with this year's theme:



Embracing Hope, Purpose, and Joy in our Schools

Building on recent research (Seligman, Ernst, Gillham, Reivicha, & Linkins, 2009.) that shows that happiness and well-being make a significant impact in the classroom and school culture that results in student success, the 2017 Educators Connect for Success conference will highlight ways educators can bring hope and joy with purpose to their schools and communities.

We will explore how hope, purpose, and joy influence:

- Innovation
- Culture
- Student diversity
- Leadership
- School change
- Teaching and Learning

We owe it to our students to help them embrace their own learning.

Together, we will explore how to make hope, purpose, and joy an integral part of your school community.



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By presenting at the 2017 Educators Connect for Success conference, you will have the opportunity to positively impact teaching and learning by engaging nearly 1,000 educators to address challenges and opportunities around key questions in education, such as:

- How are you identifying what hope, purpose, and joy would look like in your school/district?
- With the increased research about the importance of hope in students' owning their learning and embracing their futures, how are you providing opportunities for students to focus on their areas of strength and interest?
- What data do you have as evidence of success with students? How is success measured in your school or community?
- How are you recruiting, selecting, developing, and retaining highly-effective teachers who are interested in creating purpose and joy in the classroom?
- How are you helping students to take ownership of their own hope and purpose around their learning, and building perseverance and joy?
- What communications strategies are you using to connect with the community to build understanding around the importance of hope, purpose, and joy not only in schools, but also in the workplace?

Share your expertise and facilitate conversations about effective implementation strategies to provide every school with the skills and support needed to serve every student. For ideas for presentation sessions, see the strands and topic ideas chart.





STRANDS

Creating **hope, purpose, and joy** through innovation

Presenters will connect their presentations to innovation in the classroom, school, district, community.

Cultivating a culture of **hope and engagement** for students

Presenters will provide real-world examples of what has worked in their school/district.

Embracing instructional strategies for diverse learners

Presenters will focus on how they have used instructional strategies such as Universal Design to help diverse learners reach their full potential.

Leading with **purpose and joy**

Presenters will share strategies, tips, and resources around developing leadership skills that create purpose and joy.

Finding **joy** through constructive disruption:
Surviving change

Presenters will highlight best practices around making change a positive experience even when the journey is bumpy.

TOPIC IDEAS

- STEM/STEAM-focused innovation
- Preparing for college and career
- Student choice, problem- and project-based learning
- Innovation in education in general, and how it impacts students and schools
- Blended learning
- Technology

- Creating a growth mindset
- Exploring career pathways
- Student voice and choice
- Competency-based learning
- Student ownership of learning
- Learner-centered classrooms

- Diverse learners (Special Ed, Gifted and Talented, ESL, etc.)
- Learner-centered classrooms
- Universal Design and ESSA

- School culture and its role in establishing purpose and joy
- Developing teacher leadership
- Supporting school/district leadership
- Building collaborative teams
- Distributed leadership
- Strategy and focus

- Managing change
- Changing environments to retain and attract talent
- Solving the teacher shortage issue
- Design process
- Creating a strategy for change





PROPOSAL GUIDELINES



Embracing Hope, Purpose, and Joy in our Schools requires people to think about teaching and learning in a new fashion that paves the way to student, and educator, success. It's about making connections that excite students, leverage their strengths and interests, and empower them to own their learning and prepare them for a meaningful and successful future. We are asking presenters to frame their presentation around hope, purpose, and joy.

You will be asked the following questions during the online submission process:

- How will your proposed session include the conference theme of Embracing Hope, Purpose, and Joy in our Schools?
- What are the learning targets for your proposed session?
- How will you actively engage participants during your proposed session?
- Please describe the resources, if applicable, that participants will receive as part of your proposed session.

SESSION FORMATS

60-minute learning sessions

Covering a wide variety of topics, the 60-minute learning sessions feature presentations from teachers, leaders, and others in the field of education. Share how you are moving education forward by addressing some of today's most pressing education challenges.

90-minute workshops

Designed to be hands-on and interactive, the 90-minute workshops should more deeply explore issues and discuss solutions around embracing hope, purpose, and joy in our schools.



Exhibitors and sponsors are welcome to present, but must do so with a school or district that can share their successes and experience with the product or service. No presentations will be accepted that are solely designed for promotional purposes.





SUBMISSION AND SELECTION

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Completed proposals must be submitted by **December 2, 2016**.

We cannot accommodate special time and date requests for presentations. Please ensure you are available to present your session any time during the conference.

Submit your proposal online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cfs2017>.

If you are unable to submit your proposal online, e-mail it to: cfs@BattelleforKids.org.

PROPOSAL SELECTION

You will receive an acceptance status e-mail by January 20, 2017, along with information on next steps if your session is accepted.

REGISTRATION

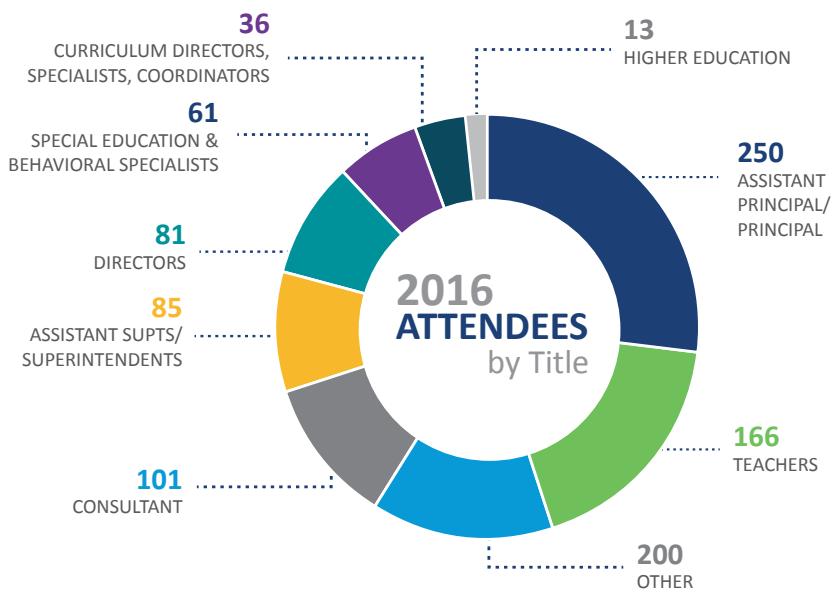
Up to three presenters per presentation will receive a discounted conference registration rate of \$400. Presenters will receive registration instructions after acceptance.

VENUE

The 2017 Educators Connect for Success conference will be held at the Ohio Union, on the campus of The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. The Ohio Union offers dynamic spaces, state-of-the-art technology in every room, and a professional event services team dedicated to making the event a success.

CONFERENCE AUDIENCE

Educators Connect for Success brings together nearly 1,000 educators each year to learn, network, and collaborate on the issues and topics at the forefront of education.



QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about proposal submission, please contact cfs@BattelleforKids.org.

