

## **Association of Metropolitan School Districts**

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Promising Practices To Close The Achievement Gap Building Partnerships To Reach All Students AMSD Policy Conference Wednesday, December 9, 2015

## **Agenda**

7:30AM-8:00AM Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00AM-8:05AM Welcome and Introductions
Rebecca Gagnon, AMSD Chair

8:05AM-9:00AM Keynote Address: Diversity and Inclusion
Dr. MayKao Hang, CEO, Wilder Foundation

9:00AM-9:15AM Break

9:15AM - 10:30AM Breakout Sessions (3 presentations in each breakout session)

- Hamline Room: Supporting Early Learners
  - o All Day Kindergarten: Achieving Literacy Benchmarks St. Louis Park Public Schools
  - o **Partnering Within the Community:** Robbinsdale Area Schools
  - o **Using Data to Inform Program Improvement** Bloomington Schools and MN Reading Corps
- Larpenteur Room: Preparing Tomorrow's Workforce
  - o SPARK: STEAM-based Approach to Closing the Achievement Gap: Roseville Area Schools
  - o **STEAM: A Powerful Source for Youth** Faribault Public Schools
  - o **It Takes a Village to Close the Gap** Eastern Carver County Schools
- Grand Hall: Engaging Diverse Learners and Communities
  - "But we've always done it this way!" How good intentions perpetuate racial disparities in our schools: Osseo Area Schools
  - o Confronting Disproportionately in Special Education: Minneapolis Public Schools
  - District/YMCA partnership Extends Reach to Students and Families: White Bear Lake Area Schools

10:30AM – 10:45AM Transition to Next Round of Breakout Sessions

10:45AM – 12:00PM Repeat Breakout Sessions

12:00PM Lunch

12:15PM – 1:00PM Luncheon Panel: Measuring the Impact of Partnerships

Eric Moore, Minneapolis Public Schools David Heistad, Bloomington Public Schools