

SITE SEMINAR

The Springfield Renaissance School Becoming a Truly Integrated School April 28-29, 2020

Overview

The Springfield Renaissance School, an EL Education Mentor School, was founded in 2006. Renaissance is an urban, gr. 6-12 college bound school serving 700 students. In our Site Seminar, participants and members of the Renaissance community engage together in an exploration of our guiding question:

How do we create a truly integrated school: one that moves all students to academic achievement, ensures a sense of belonging for all students, teaches students to dismantle racism and fosters an appreciation of diversity in thought and in people?

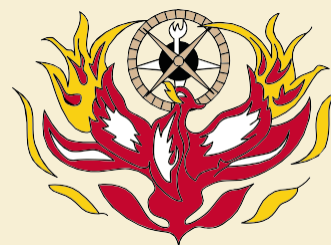
Always a “work in progress,” Renaissance does have results about which to be proud: 100% college acceptance for all 10 of our graduating classes, MCAS results that surpass the district, and national recognition for our focus on character and the positive culture of the school. Even with this success, we continue to grapple with many questions about how to move all of our students to high levels of achievement in the three dimensions. The guiding question for our site seminar captures both the work we have done in the last few years as well as the work we still need to do.

Learning Targets

- » I can develop a vision for integration.
- » I can analyze the role of teachers, curriculum, instruction, and crew in creating inclusive and equitable schools.
- » I can identify key moves to becoming a truly integrated school.

Key Benefits of Attending

- » Dialogue with colleagues from all over the country about race and equity in schools.
- » Authentic conversation about what schools can do.
- » Collection of best practices and learning.
- » Honest conversation about mistakes and missed opportunities.
- » Real-life examples involving students and parents.



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An EL Education Mentor School

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Schedule

Day 1, Tuesday, April 28

7:30-8:15.....Registration and Breakfast
8:15-9:00....Welcome, Unpacking Learning Targets, Norms
9:00-9:45.....Participant Crew
10:00-11:45..... Guided Observations
11:45-12:00..... Debrief in Participant Crews
12:00-1:00.....Lunch
1:00-2:30..... Case Studies
2:45-3:15..... Debrief in Participant Crews
5:00-7:00..... Reception

Day 2, Wednesday, April 29

7:30-8:00..... Breakfast
8:00-8:45.....Opening
8:45-11:30..... Workshops*
11:30-12:30..... Lunch
12:30-1:30.....Crew Conversations
1:30-2:15..... Closing Circle

*Possible Workshops

- » Writing a Story of Self
- » Creating a Crew Lesson Based on Character Data
- » Integrating Discussions on Race into Daily Lessons
- » Talking about Race with Authenticity
- » Discussion: Recruitment, Hiring and Retention for Equity

Registration

For schools affiliated with EL Education:

- » \$500 payable to EL Education
- » Register online at <https://eleducation.org/news-and-events/calendar>

For schools outside of EL Education:

- » \$500 payable to The Springfield Renaissance School
- » Register by email: SLABICHL@springfieldpublicschools.com

Accommodations

- » Rooms reserved at The Sheraton Springfield; Held under EL Education/The Springfield Renaissance School until April 6; \$139/night
- » Call 413.781.1010 to make reservations
- » Transportation between the Sheraton and the school will be provided

Food

Light breakfast and full lunch provided both days.

For More Information

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“I know what stereotypes I will face as a black woman. I want Renaissance to teach me I can overcome these, that I have people I can look up to.”

Janae Brown, 11th Grader

Our Mission

To provide a rigorous academic program for college-bound students in a small, personalized setting that impels and supports students to use their minds well, to care for themselves and others, and to rise to the challenges and duties of citizenship.

Our Demographics (2018-2019)

53.1%Hispanic
24.9%African American
19.0%Caucasian
1.6%Asian
1.3%Multi-Racial
54.7%Economically Disadvantaged*

*from households receiving some form of public assistance

2019 MCAS* Results

Percent Meeting or Exceeding Expectations

	Renaissance	Springfield	MA
English Language Arts			
Grade 10	52%	30%	61%
Middle School (6-8)	40%	23%	51%
Mathematics			
Grade 10	31%	25%	59%
Middle School (6-8)	25%	21%	49%
Science and Technology/Engineering			
Grade 10	53%	37%	74%
Grade 8	19%	15%	46%

*MCAS is a state test required for graduation from high school