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Nashville Chamber and Nashville Public Education Foundation Announce Fifth Annual Leadership Public Education Program

NPEF Partners with Nashville Chamber to Enhance 2024 Leadership Public Education Curriculum and Program

NASHVILLE, TENN. – Dec. 19, 2023 –The Nashville Public Education Foundation (NPEF), in partnership with the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, announced the launch of the 5th annual Leadership Public Education program. An innovative initiative set to commence in February 2024, the program informs stakeholders about the critical issues facing public education today and reinforces a shared commitment to fostering excellence in our schools. [Applications](#) for the Leadership Public Education program are now open. The deadline for applications is Thursday, January 4 at 5 p.m.

Over the course of six months, Leadership Public Education is designed to empower and equip Nashville's leaders with the knowledge, skills and insights needed to effectively advocate for and contribute to the advancement of public education. This collaboration leverages NPEF's expertise in education issues and the Nashville Chamber's ability to convene and mobilize community leaders. Topics will include history, law and policy, budget, the teacher and talent pipeline, and school options.

“Leadership Public Education convenes local leaders who are passionate about our public schools, illuminates the nuances of public education policy in Nashville, and empowers participants to serve in community leadership roles in Nashville’s education ecosystem,” said **Katie Cour, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of NPEF**. “We look forward to gathering with this year’s fellows to learn about the challenges and opportunities our public education system provides.”

The program offers a comprehensive curriculum covering the most pressing challenges and opportunities facing students and teachers today. Participants will engage in critical discussions, hear from experts in education, and develop actionable strategies to support public education in Nashville.

“We are excited to empower tomorrow’s leaders and help them gain the skills and knowledge to positively impact Nashville’s public education landscape,” said **Stephanie Coleman, chief talent development officer at the Nashville Chamber**. “Our partnership with NPEF helps us foster community-driven leadership and create opportunities that advance the future of Nashville and its families.”

Leaders from across Nashville who are passionate about making a difference in education are encouraged to apply.

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About the Nashville Public Education Foundation

The Nashville Public Education Foundation (NPEF) is a nonprofit organization committed to ensuring every child can thrive in Nashville's public schools. NPEF works to improve student outcomes in Nashville's public schools by identifying challenges and advancing evidence-based solutions. Since 2002, NPEF's role as a catalyst for transformation has yielded tangible results in areas such as teacher professional development, teacher compensation, principal quality and college access. Learn more at nashvillepef.org.

About the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce

The Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce is Middle Tennessee's largest business federation, representing more than 1,800 member companies. Belong, engage, lead, prosper embodies the Chamber's focus on creating economic prosperity by facilitating community leadership. Established in 1990 as an economic development and community enhancement initiative of the Chamber, Partnership 2030 is a regional cooperative dedicated to making Middle Tennessee among the nation's best places to live, work and do business. Partnership 2030 is supported by a diverse group of public and private companies as well as governmental agencies from the organization's 10-county service area. The work of the Chamber is supported by its members, Partnership 2030 investors and sponsors; the Chamber's Pivotal Partners (a partnership at the highest level for all Chamber programs and events) are BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, Community Health Systems, Gresham Smith and Regions. For more information, visit www.nashvillechamber.com.

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