



## *Schools to Watch™ Virtual Conference*

# **CALL FOR PRESENTERS**

*June 22-24 & 29-30, 2021*

## **Presentation Proposal Information Sheet**

### **Schools to Watch® Virtual Conference June 22-24 & 29-30, 2021**

**Presented by  
The National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform**

*[Presentation proposals must be completed online](#) by April 30, 2021.*

**Presentations from all 2019-20 and 2020-21 new and redesignated Schools to Watch are welcome.**

The last two school years have been extraordinarily challenging for educators due to the pandemic. As a result, the National Forum wants to make this event one that reenergizes middle-grades educators and celebrates the Schools to Watch community as much as it teaches them something new.

This year, we are inviting **ALL** middle school educators to attend. The conference will provide them with valuable professional development, introduce them to the program, and encourage them to apply to become a School to Watch.

Please focus your presentation on useful programs/strategies/resources that educators can apply to their professional lives, classes, or school. Tie your session into the Schools to Watch domains:

Academic Excellence

Organizational Structures and Processes

Developmental Responsiveness

Social Equity

Sessions will be virtual over Zoom and will be one hour in length. Please build a presentation that is visual, useful, and fun! If possible, make your session interactive, as all sessions will be in Zoom meeting mode (webinar mode does not allow for interactivity).

**Please note:** The focus of all school presentations should be on specific practices and programs that are enhancing student learning and development. Presentations should **not** be an overview of the school, its programs, or journey to become a School to Watch, but should focus on specific programs and practices. As you prepare your presentation description and actual presentation, please use the following questions as a guide:

- How is your school addressing the criteria in the specific strand focus of your presentation? (i.e., social equity)
- How has addressing this changed your school and impacted student's learning and attitudes?
- What is your vision for continuous progress?

### **Presentation Dates and Times**

Presentations will take place virtually on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. The times of the sessions will depend on your time zone. As this is a nation-wide virtual conference, we will make every effort to schedule your session at a convenient time.

### **Presentation Format**

The Forum will establish the Zoom meeting and provide you with a link. You, and up to 3 co-presenters, will be given co-host access. A representative from the National Forum will act as a technical assistant and session moderator. All sessions will be recorded for later viewing.

### **Conference Registration**

All presenters are expected to register for the conference by ***May 30, 2021***.

### **Notification of Proposal**

Notification of your proposal acceptance will be via email by ***May 14, 2021 and will include the day and time of your presentation***. If you do not receive notification by this date, please contact Maryam Diaab at (800) 326-1880, ext. 108, or by email at [maryam@leagueofschools.org](mailto:maryam@leagueofschools.org).

### **Changes**

Please notify Maryam immediately if you are unable to present or if the names of the presenters change. Changes cannot be made after June 15, 2021.

### ***If you have questions or concerns, contact:***

Maryam Diaab at [maryam@leagueofschools.org](mailto:maryam@leagueofschools.org) or (800) 326-1880, ext. 108.

We look forward to your session.

Thank you so much for contributing your time, energy, and expertise!