

## SPS Access Class Community & Classroom Connection

Thanks to a Springfield Public Schools Foundation grant, up to 40 Springfield Public School teachers and staff members will be awarded an opportunity to participate in the Leadership Springfield SPS Access Class. This unique learning opportunity enhances community awareness, builds meaningful connections with other SPS teachers and community networks, and provides information for future opportunities available to SPS students after graduation.

In this fun, fast-paced, two-day experience, teachers and staff will gain a more comprehensive view of our community and an actionable connection between the experience and the classroom. Following the SPS Access Class, teachers will present an overview of their experience to their building peers during a staff meeting or other professional learning opportunity to transfer the information and expand the depth of community context and resource awareness across the district.

### SPS Access is Ideal For:

- Year 2 STEP UP teachers in SPS
- Any certified SPS teachers that have taught for three years or more
- Any SPS district leader, Coordinators, Specialists, or Coaches in SPS

### How Teachers Benefit:

- Enjoy a fun, immersive Springfield community learning experience with speakers, panels, tours, and more!
- Gain direct exposure to local leaders & access to a community resource and industry network.
- Enjoy hands-on learning via an informative experience in the local Springfield community.
- Build a network of other area teachers to strengthen community ties and develop friendships.
- Access Class graduates are invited to join more than 3,000 alumni of Leadership Springfield programs.

### How the School Benefits:

- Increase teacher knowledge base by providing a community network of contacts.
- Increase exposure to Springfield area resources to assist students and family needs.

## Access Class

This two-day class in partnership with Springfield Public Schools and Leadership Springfield will be held in Springfield on Monday, July 15 and Tuesday, July 16, 2024. Approximate class times will be daily from 7:45am - 4:45pm.

## Class Agenda

A detailed agenda will be provided closer to the program. Class will involve seated instruction, travel on a charter bus, walking tours and small group discussion. Breakfast and lunch will be provided both days. Availability is limited. A waitlist will be created once the class size is filled, and Leadership Springfield will communicate with you through email about your participation.

## Registration

If you are interested in this opportunity, contact Martha Doennig, Director of Learning Development, [mdoennig@spsmail.org](mailto:mdoennig@spsmail.org), or register via SPS Kickup.