



PSD Insight

Creating an informed citizenry who can help impact the future of education in our community

PSD Insight is a leadership program designed to inform participants about the history, governance, budget and curriculum of Poudre School District and its schools. The goal is to educate and motivate leaders who want to get involved in education and/or our local schools and help shape the future for the 30,000 students who PSD serves.

The program is designed to:

- Broaden participants' knowledge of the school district
- Encourage participants to get involved in PSD and its schools
- Increase the strength and effectiveness of our educational advocates
- Equip participants to respond to the current and future challenges of the school district and public education
- Provide opportunities for direct contact with influential people, schools and district operations

Important Information

Applicants must: Reside or be employed within the Poudre School District boundaries and be at least 21 years of age at the time of application. **Class members are expected to attend all sessions**

PSD Insight requires full participation. Only those willing to thoughtfully and completely fill out an application and attend all eight program sessions need apply. Class meets eight times between September 27, 2018 and April 4, 2019, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. The full schedule is included in the application. A light breakfast and beverages will be provided at each session.

Session topics include:

- **PSD Overview:** Welcome; PSD Demographics & Governance
- **School Finance:** State Funding; Student Based Budgeting
- **Snow Days, Facilities, Transportation, Security:** Inclement Weather Policy & Procedures; Facilities; Building and Student Safety
- **Instructional Models & School Choice:** Bi-Lingual; Core Knowledge; IB; STEM
- **Student Experiences in the Community & Post-Secondary Readiness:** Workforce Readiness; Career Exploration
- **Integrated Services & Early Childhood Program**
- **Wrap-around Services:** Mental Health; English Language Learners, McKinney Program
- **Legislative Advocacy & Partnerships:** How you can be involved

An Application Review Committee will review all applications and select up to 25 participants for the class. Applicants not selected for the 2018 program may apply for a future PSD Insight class but must reapply.

Please contact **Beth Higgins, Community Partnerships Coordinator** with questions.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2018 AT 4:30 PM.

Applicants will be notified of acceptance by September 10, 2018

PSD Insight Application

Deadline: Friday, August 31 at 4:30 pm

Name: _____

Employer/Title: _____

Home Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

How long have you lived and/or worked in the PSD area? _____

Sector of community you represent (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith Community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Services | <input type="checkbox"/> General Community Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Higher Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Business | |

1. Attach to this completed application: *your resume (optional) and answers to the essay questions below. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.***
2. Submit your application to Poudre School District by email (bhiggins@psdschools.org) or mail/delivery (1630 Stover Street, Fort Collins, CO 80525).

PSD Staff and the District Advisory Board Executive Committee have outlined an excellent program for the benefit of participants. It is understood that any applicant accepted for the program will attend all sessions in their entirety. Please review the schedule below and take into consideration your time commitments before applying. All sessions will be held in schools or buildings within City of Fort Collins limits. Light breakfast and beverages will be provided.

Module 1: District Services Session 1: Welcome/ PSD Overview, Policy & Governance	Partnership Ctr.	Sept. 27, 2018	8:30-10:30 a.m.
Session 2: Finance & Student Based Budgeting	Beattie ES	Oct. 4, 2018	8:30-10:30 a.m.
Session 3: Facilities, Operations, Transportation & Security	Fort Collins HS	Nov. 1, 2018	8:30-10:30 a.m.
Module 2: School Services *Session 4: Instructional Models & Choice	Dunn ES	Dec. 6, 20018	9:00-11:00 a.m.*
Session 5: Student Experiences & Post-Secondary Readiness	Webber MS	Jan. 10, 2019	8:30-10:30 a.m.
Module 3: Student Services Session 6: Integrated Services & Early Childhood	Bauder ES	Feb. 7, 2019	8:30-10:30 a.m.
Session 7: Wrap-around Services	Shepardson ES	Mar. 7, 2019	8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Session 8: Legislative Advocacy & Partnerships	Partnership Ctr.	Apr. 4, 2019	8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

***Please note time change for Session 4**

- **By submitting this application, I acknowledge that I will attend all sessions and have received my employer's approval, if applicable.**

Signature Date

Essay Questions

Limit 150 words per question (attach to application)

1. Why do you want to be a part of PSD Insight?
2. What do you believe are the most important issues facing Poudre School District? What are some potential solutions?
3. What specific skills/knowledge do you hope to gain from participating in PSD Insight?
4. How do you see yourself getting involved in schools in the future?