

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING EVENT – SUPERVISOR OF PRINCIPALS’ ACADEMY (SOPA)

Date: Thursday September 17 – Friday, September 18, 2020 (launch of a two-year cohort)

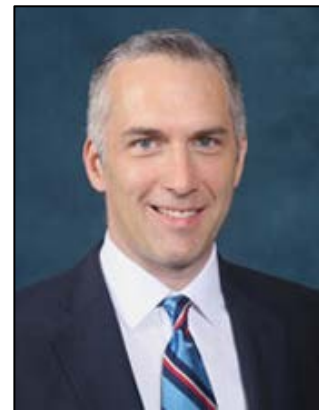
Location: Arizona Department of Education, 1535 W. Jefferson Street, Phoenix AZ (Virtual option)

Audience: Leaders of Arizona local education agencies responsible for supervising school principals.

Background: Effective school leaders help create school climates rooted in high-quality instruction and engaged learners and families; committing time and resources to developing and supporting principals can yield a strong return on investment. The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) is sponsoring this free professional learning academy, in partnership with the Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) West and the West Comprehensive Center at WestEd, to help local education agencies (LEAs) learn ways to maximize the role of the principal supervisor to develop and support principals’ instructional leadership. Join us to build your own skillset in how LEA leaders can organize to improve principal supervision, develop skills in principal observation and feedback, and learn from other leaders engaged in this work.

The Supervisor of Principals’ Academy is a two-year cohort consisting of in-person whole group sessions, individual coaching sessions, and collaboration with other participants via an online networking platform.

Featured Presenter: Dr. Matthew Clifford is a principal researcher at the American Institutes for Research (AIR) whose research and evaluation interests focus on the improvement of school leadership as a means of improving instructional quality and student achievement. He currently leads multiple research studies of professional development and evaluation initiatives to improve principal quality. Dr. Clifford also consults with school districts and states to design principal support systems through the National Comprehensive Center on Teacher Quality and the Center on Educator Compensation Reform. Clifford has been studying and working with school principals as a researcher for the past 15 years, and is a lifelong educator, having previously worked as a teacher, curriculum director, and professional developer.



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