

SAANYS ANNUAL Conference  
**LEADING and LEARNING NOW**  
**OCT 14-15 2018** Crowne Plaza Lake Placid  
 Keynote: **GEORGE COUROS**  
 The Innovator's Mindset: Empower Learning, Unleash Talent and Lead a Culture of Creativity

## A CALL FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE PRESENTERS SUBMISSION DEADLINE | MARCH 30, 2018

Has there ever been a more challenging and exciting time to be a school leader? As the world changes so do our roles as educators. The days of sequestering ourselves in our offices is over as we try to meet the new challenges and get ahead of new curves in our schools. Creating a culture where learning and innovation can take root and flourish takes know how, collaboration and courage. Getting out of the weeds of fragmented problem solving and into the role of capacity builder is a monumental shift. Building new models and partnerships to address the growing challenges our students face is vital. How do we meet the increasing mental health needs of students? What is a culturally responsive school? How do we make sure pedagogy keeps pace with technology? How do we as leaders model what we want to see in classrooms?

This year's theme, Leading and Learning NOW, focuses on what the challenges and opportunities are, and more importantly, how we can navigate changing seas in new and innovative ways. We are seeking member practitioner workshops that focus on the many aspects of NOW in our schools, from the perspective of all of our varied leadership roles. What are you learning? What are you trying? What's working, and what did you learn from what didn't? Tell your story, and share your expertise with colleagues from across New York State at this year's conference, at the peak of fall in beautiful Lake Placid. George Couros, author of *The Innovator's Mindset: Empower Learning, Unleash Talent and Lead a Culture of Creativity* and The Principal of Change blog, will be there with us to set the tone for what promises to be a memorable professional and personal experience.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT PREFERENCE IS GIVEN TO PROPOSALS FROM MEMBER PRACTITIONERS.** *Presenters associated with a commercial enterprise must agree to have their company or organization participate as a corporate sponsor and must present with a SAANYS member. Contact [dtaylot@saanys.org](mailto:dtaylot@saanys.org) for more information.*

**PRESENTERS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER FOR AT LEAST ONE DAY OF THE TWO DAY CONFERENCE.** *Presenters will be responsible for the cost of registration, meals, housing, and travel. (A maximum of two presenters (lead presenter and co-presenter) may register at a reduced presenter's rate.)*

### IMPORTANT Information items prior to your submission:

- Your workshop will be scheduled for either Sunday, October 14 or Monday, October 15.
- Workshops are 75 minutes in length.
- You may present alone or with a partner or team. Teams may include teachers.
- Presenters must be paid, registered, attendees for at least one conference day (see above).
- Workshops should be built around activities that promote active participation and interaction with attendees.
- Workshops need to identify 2-3 'takeaways' that are practical applications that attendees can readily implement in their schools.
- Powerpoint slides and workshop materials will be posted on the SAANYS website following the conference.
- Hardcopy handouts are optional.

# PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

## Some Quotes to Get You Thinking:

"As we look ahead to the next century, leaders will be those who empower others" - *Bill Gates*

"What we model is what we get." - *Jimmy Casas*

"Innovation is not about the stuff. It is a way of thinking." - *George Couros*

"Learning and innovation go hand in hand. The arrogance of success is to think that what you did yesterday will be sufficient for tomorrow." - *William Pollard*

"The three most important words in education are: relationships, relationships, relationships. Without them, we have nothing." - *#Innovators Mindset*

## Some Workshop Ideas:

Changing spaces for learning | New approaches to address the increasing mental health needs of students | What is ACES and the impact of trauma on school achievement? | How do we get past resistance to build cultures of innovation? | How do we innovate within the boxes of limited resources and other current constraints? | Using your teaching rubric to promote change | NYS Next Generation standards/ Emerging new standards for principals | Rethinking approaches to discipline | Ensuring equity for all students in school policies | Supporting your facility, operation and transportation employees through change | Current professional learning models that stick | Beyond gotcha: observation and evaluation models that focus on reflection and growth | New ways to do walkthroughs and get teachers into one another's classrooms | Implications for Classified and Essential Service Leaders

## SELECTION CRITERIA FOR PROPOSALS

The following criteria will be used for the selection of proposals:

- How well does the proposal relate to the theme of *Leading and Learning NOW?*
- Is the proposal creative in its approach and does it exhibit innovative ideas?
- Are the presentation delivery techniques varied to meet the needs of the participants?
- Does the proposal allow for a high level of interaction and engagement?
- Does the proposal provide participants with practical information they can actually use?

## EQUIPMENT

SAANYS **WILL** provide the following:

- LCD projector with connection cables for PC laptops.
- Projection screen.
- Internet access and sound capacity.
- Flip chart and markers.

SAANYS **will NOT** provide:

- Laptops: Plan to bring your own.
- Connection cables for Mac computers (VGA and audio).
- Any other AV equipment including VHS/DVD projectors or overhead projectors (if you plan to show video clips, they must be loaded onto your laptop and tested ahead of time).
- Copying services. Plan to bring your own handouts.

## NOTIFICATION

A conference committee consisting of SAANYS members, leadership, and directors will convene in April to review proposals and determine which proposals will be included in the program. In addition to the inherent quality of the proposals, usefulness to attendees, and creation of a balanced program will be considerations. Everyone who has submitted a proposal will be notified via email by the end of April.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** All proposals must be submitted by **MARCH 30, 2018**.

**SCHEDULING OF SESSIONS:** Your workshop may be scheduled for either Sunday, October 14 or Monday, October 15.



## PRESENTER INFORMATION

Lead Presenter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

## CO-PRESENTER(S) INFORMATION (if applicable)

Co-Presenter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

## PROPOSALS **MUST** INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS:

- Presentation title.
- 50 word summary to be used in the conference program.
- A statement on theme alignment.
- A brief overview of the content of your presentation.
- Goals of the presentation.
- Identify 2-4 tools, ideas, or strategies participants will take away from the workshop.
- Opportunities for interaction and reflection that are part of the presentation.
- Describe your qualifications, experiences, and accomplishments related to the presentation topic.

We recognize and appreciate the time and effort required in preparing a submission and thank you in advance for your proposal. We regret that only a limited number of proposals can be accepted. If you have any questions about the proposals process, please contact Karen Bronson, SAANYS director of professional development at [kbronson@saanys.org](mailto:kbronson@saanys.org).

Signature of presenter: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE RETURN INFORMATION TO:**

**USE SUBJECT TITLE:** Annual Conference Workshop Proposal



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Submissions may be faxed to (518) 782-9552.