

Global Principal Partnerships (GPP) 2018

Global Principal Partnerships (GPP) is a formalized ten day exchange program where principals and deputy principals are invited to participate in the Ontario Principals' Council (OPC) international exchange program with colleagues from Ontario. As we become more and more focused on improving student performance, we recognize that we have much to share with and to learn from our colleagues in other countries engaged in the same pursuit.

The program has three essential components: shared knowledge, immersed learning and inquiry-based research.

Each principal and deputy principal will be matched with a school leader through the data provided in the application form. Shared knowledge by like-minded professionals forms the basis for deep conversations.

Each exchange participant will job shadow their partner during a ten day exchange with accommodation and meals being provided, which reduces the costs. Culturally and professionally, former GPP participants pronounce these experiences as exceptional.

School leaders will work on improving student achievement by selecting a specific area of focus to investigate.

When educators are exposed to experiences outside of their regular environments, they look with a 'clear' lens at their own practices and ask the relevant questions necessary for change to occur.

By hosting at school and in the home, the exchanges are creating international professional learning communities where the friendships and cultural experiences are exemplary.

Flights and expenses incurred are the responsibility of the participant. An administration fee of \$250 plus GST will be charged.

The dates for 2018 are:

Ontario visiting New Zealand: July 29-August 8, 2018

New Zealand visiting Ontario: September 30-October 10, 2018

For more information and application details, please contact the GPP
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