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CCSD principal to meet with U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan

LAS VEGAS – Walter Bracken STEAM Academy Principal Katie Decker has been invited to meet with Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and other U.S. Department of Education officials for two days of learning and advising in Washington, D.C. on March 2-3.

The conference, which is part of the new Principals at ED (Education Department) program, is designed to bring groups of highly innovative and successful principals from across the country to the Department of Education to learn more about federal programs and to share their experiences as school leaders.

Throughout both days, the principals will meet with senior staff from the agency to learn about and provide input on a variety of the department's programs, policies and initiatives. The two-day event will culminate with a roundtable discussion with Duncan.

"Strong school leadership is the key to ensuring that the best teachers are recruited and supported and that high-quality instruction is offered to students in every classroom, every day," said Duncan. "We are excited that principals from all over the nation will spend time sharing their perspectives on leading schools of excellence and equity."

Decker is one of only 15 principals invited to this event and one of only three principals who were selected from the western half of the United States.

"I am so excited to be able to share the things that we are proud about at Bracken," said Decker. "We have worked so creatively during the past 14 years, and it is really nice to have others learn about our innovative solutions. I am also very excited to hear about the other schools because there are always other creative solutions out there that can benefit our students."

Decker said she will be sharing her experiences with other Clark County School District employees through a professional development course, so the participants can take the information back to their respective schools to replicate the successful ideas, initiatives and programs.

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