

Learning Leader Summit

Leading What Matters Most



DATES
20 & 21 July 2026

HOST
Denver Language School, USA

FACILITATOR
Helen Morgan, ECIS

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'As Director of Assessment, Learning, and Teaching at Denver Language School (DLS), I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the profound impact that our partnership with Helen Morgan from ECIS has had on our middle leaders through the year-long ECIS Middle Leader Certificate Program. This collaboration has been transformative, providing our middle leaders with a structured, rigorous, and deeply relevant professional learning experience that has expanded their thinking, sharpened their leadership practice, and strengthened their capacity to lead with purpose and clarity. Helen's expertise, guidance, and genuine investment in our leaders' growth has created a culture of reflection and professionalism within our middle leadership team that deeply impacts our school community for the better. The program has elevated individual practice and actively built the conditions for sustained excellence at DLS, creating clear and meaningful pathways for our middle leaders to grow, thrive, and lead with confidence. We are incredibly grateful for this partnership and the lasting difference it is making for our students, our staff, and our school.'

Annie Trujillo — Director of Assessment, Learning, and Teaching, Denver Language School

DAY ONE

Monday 20 July 2026

8.30 – 9.00

Coffee

9.00 – 9.15

Welcome

*Richard Royal, Executive Director, Denver Language School
Helen Morgan, Head of Leadership Development and Learning, ECIS*

9.15 – 10.00

KEYNOTE

Opening Keynote: The Leadership Imperative Now

Superintendent, Denver Public Schools

10.00 – 10.45

WORKSHOP

What's Working, What's Stuck, What Matters Most?

Provocation: *Are you solving the right problem or the most visible one?*

10.45 – 11.00

Break

11.00 – 12.30

WORKSHOP

Leading Change That Sticks

Provocation: *Are you leading improvement or just introducing new ideas?*

12.30 – 1.30

Lunch — provided by Denver Language School K-8

1.30 – 3.00

WORKSHOP

Improvement Science for Real Schools

Provocation: *Are you leading improvement in your school or getting better at explaining the results?*

3.00 – 3.30

Break

3.30 – 4.30

PLENARY

Structured Plenary: From Insight to Intent (SOAR)

Provocation: *Strengths / Opportunities / Aspirations / Results*

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DAY TWO

Tuesday 21 July 2026

8.30 – 9.00	Coffee
9.00 – 9.20	PLENARY Reflections: What Shifted?
9.20 – 9.50	KEYNOTE Spark Talk and Q&A: DLS — A Real School, A Real Challenge
9.50 – 10.20	KEYNOTE Alumni Talk and Q&A
10.20 – 10.45	PLENARY Group Reflection and Takeaways: What Does This Mean for You?
10.45 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 12.30	WORKSHOP Implementation and Impact Provocation: <i>What evidence would convince you that your strategy is working and what are you currently accepting as evidence?</i>
12.30 – 1.30	Lunch — provided by Denver Language School K-8
1.30 – 2.30	WORKSHOP Professional Learning That Travels into Practice Provocation: <i>If you stopped all Professional Learning tomorrow, what would actually change?</i>
2.30 – 3.30	WORKSHOP The Live Improvement Challenge: Design Sprint
3.30 – 4.00	PLENARY Next Steps: From Summit to School