

Talking points

1. Explain specifically what you plan to learn by attending the conference and how that will benefit your peers and students.
2. In addition to your personal learning goals, here are other popular reasons to attend:
 - Network with other education professionals experiencing similar challenges;
 - Stay on top of best practices from leaders in the field;
 - Small one-on-one learning experiences, even though at an international conference;
 - Take new knowledge and understanding of the latest research back to your organization to make change; and
 - Experience dynamic, interactive learning experiences that rejuvenate and refresh reconciliation agents at all levels.
3. Show how you will share the learning with your team and when you return.
 - Share session presentations and handouts;
 - Write summaries and analyses;
 - Create a slideshow presentation or video;
 - Develop poster presentations;
 - Utilize technology that you learn about at the conference;
 - Model learning strategies you discover;
 - Volunteer to host mini workshops; or
 - Plan sharing opportunities across grade levels, subject areas, and schools.
4. Be proactive
 - Offer to share a room to reduce hotel expenses;
 - Book your travel early; and
 - Avoid the higher registration fee by taking advantage of the early-bird registration.