

**YouthSpark in Schools Chicago
April 23, 2015**

Differentiated agenda for Administrators and Instructional Technologists

Time	Event	Speaker		
9:30 – 10:00am	Registration and breakfast			
10:00 – 10:30am	Welcome remarks			
10:30 – 11:00am	Keynote	Constance Yowell, Director of Education, MacArthur Foundation		
	Administrators		Instructional Technologists	
11:00 – 12:00pm	The Four Skills of the 21 st Century Learner	Cameron Evans, Chief Technology Officer for US Education, Microsoft	Learning Beyond Language: Leveraging Skype in the Classroom	Michael Braun, Microsoft Innovative Educator
12:00 – 1:00pm	Lunch/Panel discussion: <i>Equitable Access in an Unequal World</i>			
1:00 – 2:00pm	Educational Equity when Learning is Mobile	Cameron Evans	Blended Learning and Flipped Classrooms – Go hands on with Office Mix	Michael Braun
2:00 – 2:15pm	Closing remarks	Arnie Rivera, City of Chicago, Deputy Chief of Staff for Education		
2:15 – 3:00pm	Reception and Innovation Showcase			

Session descriptions:

The Four Skills of the 21st Century Learner

Cameron Evans, Microsoft Chief Technology Officer for US Education

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The seventh graders of 2015 will be the first cohort to graduate in the third decade of the 21st Century. Every student after them will be learning, working, and coming of age in a mobile first, cloud first world. Today's learner needs both technical acumen and a core set of skills that will enable them to thrive in this new era. This session is an opportunity to both reassess whether you are preparing students for the new world of work and whether you are personally prepared. Learn the four skills for the future and how to shift student learning for college and career readiness. #4Skills

Educational Equity When Learning is Mobile

Cameron Evans, Chief Technology Officer, Microsoft

How can students from low income backgrounds compete for the careers of today when they have limited exposure to workplace technologies? Is "digital native" a class-based distinction? How can 1:1 initiatives bridge this divide, and what are their shortcomings? Cameron Evans facilitates a discussion among district leaders who share their successes using technology to close the opportunity divide.

Learning Beyond Language: Leveraging Skype in the Classroom

Michael Braun, Microsoft Innovative Educator

Many educators have heard of Skype – perhaps you have even used it to meet with parents who can't make it to conference nights, or in other ways. But did you know that Skype in the Classroom is a free YouthSpark program that connects a global community of educators to expert guest speakers and to one another? Through Skype in the Classroom, you can bring PhD scientists, published authors, elected officials, and others right into your classroom. Your students can practice their language skills with native speakers halfway around the world, and so much more. Learn how to fully realize the richness of this program with your students – and you can start today!

Blended Learning and Flipped Classrooms – Go Hands-On with Office Mix

Michael Braun, Microsoft Innovative Educator

Office Mix is one of Microsoft's newest software programs with great potential to transform learning. Take the poster boards and dioramas of yesterday to the Cloud, and show your students how to demonstrate their subject matter mastery through interactive multimedia presentations. They will draw on their own creativity and growing technology skills to demonstrate full mastery of topics from algebra to civics.