



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY
**COSN SENIOR DELEGATION TO
 ONTARIO**



CANADA: Toronto

December 2-6, 2019

\$2,299 (based on single occupancy)

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Toronto is the capital of the province of Ontario, Canada lying along Lake Ontario’s northwestern shore. With a population close to three million, the city has a thriving downtown core that includes the iconic free-standing CN Tower. The greater metropolis has closer to six million people, making it the largest in Canada.

Website Link:
[CoSN 2019 Senior Delegation Canada](#)

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Program Highlights

- 4 nights / 5-day journey to Toronto
- Explore **downtown Toronto** including a privately guided and narrated driving and walking tour of the city.
- Attend the **Canada/U.S. Education Technology Leadership Summit**, which aims to bring together the delegation with key Canadian superintendents and their education technology leaders.

Focus on education

- Join our CoSN senior level journey to Canada providing an exciting **professional advancement opportunity** to practices that are occurring in Canada and their applicability to the U.S education systems.
- Interact with **education professionals** from a variety of facilities and organizations in Toronto, such as the **York Regional District School Board and Toronto District School Board**, to learn how students are being prepared for success as we enter the 4th Industrial Revolution.

Focus on the culture

- Starting out by the Art Gallery of Ontario, head out on foot to explore **Chinatown** and **Kensington Market**, the most eclectic neighborhood in the city and great example of Toronto’s diversity.
- Take in the local flair while discovering the thriving graffiti scene and the laws surrounding **street “art”** and the history of the graffiti movement in the city.

What’s Included:

- Accommodations in Toronto based on single occupancy
- All transportation and activities outlined in the itinerary
- Group transfers to and from the international airport
- Local English-speaking guide for tour
- Meals as mentioned and most tips

Not Included:

- Personal expenses at the hotel
- Meals not specified
- Passport renewal or issuance
- Flight to Toronto





📍 Toronto, Canada

DAY 1, December 2, 2019

Travel to Toronto, Ontario

Make your way individually to **Toronto** this morning. Private coach shuttle service will be provided between 9am-1pm from Toronto Pearson International Airport to the Novotel North York. *Check in begins at 3pm.*

The **Novotel North York Center Hotel** is in the heart of North York, just off Yonge Street, with direct indoor access to North York Center subway stop. The hotel is surrounded by an array of dining and entertainment options including complimentary Wi-Fi, restaurant and bar, fitness center, indoor saltwater pool and sauna. Guest rooms have coffee/tea making facilities, free water, free internet alarm clock, a business desk, hairdryer, robe, minibar and a safe deposit box.

Lunch is by individual arrangement today.

This afternoon the group will enjoy a privately guided tour of Toronto with a local guide. This will include a walking and driving tour of the city. Start with a fully narrated tour of the downtown core and surrounding neighborhoods. Highlights along the way will include the Financial District, the South Core, Cabbage Town, Regent Park, Yorkville, the Waterfront, the University of Toronto, and Chinatown / Kensington Market... We'll make a stop near Polson Pier (the best place to grab views and pics of the city skyline) and finish the driving portion of our tour at City Hall.

For the latter half of the tour, take a short drive to the Art Gallery of Ontario. From here you will complete a walking tour of **Chinatown** and **Kensington Market**. The most eclectic neighborhoods in the city and a great example of Toronto's diversity. We like to think of this area as a sedimentary rock of culture... Different waves of immigration have moved into the area, changed it, moved out of the area, but have left a bit of themselves behind in the process.



It's how we've come to find ourselves with a neighborhood where the leader of the 2nd oldest Synagogue in the city is neighbors and friends with the owner of a Rastafarian culture shop, which is across the street from British style homes that have been converted into street-level shops by the Jewish community that are now occupied by hipster bakeries selling \$6 vegan cupcakes.



And all the while there is a thriving graffiti scene here that we'd explore here as well, talking about the laws surrounding graffiti in Toronto, some of the artists at work here, the different types of street art that we find, and the wider history of the movement. This is where you will experience a little local flair!

Dinner is by individual arrangement.

Overnight: Novotel North York Center Hotel
Included meals: N/A



📍 Toronto, Canada

DAY 2, December 3, 2019

Professionals program in Toronto

Please Note: Breakfast is included daily in your program at the hotel.

Today is dedicated to meetings with local educators. Meet with policymakers and school visits in **The York Regional District School Board**. The Board is the third largest school district in Ontario, with over 124,000 students in 178 elementary schools and 33 secondary schools.

A note from CoSN:

The Consortium for School Networking (CoSN) is committed to a global dialogue focused on the strategic uses of technology for the improvement of teaching and learning in primary and secondary schools. CoSN holds a Global Symposium to explore global ICT issues relating to educational leadership during our Annual Conference. To continue our global exploration and dialogue, CoSN is planning this delegation to provide an exciting professional advancement opportunity allowing the participants to discover, learn and experience the innovative ICT and education policies and practices that are occurring in the Ontario region and explore their applicability to U.S. education systems.

The delegation will explore the conditions for Canada's education success by visiting schools, learning about innovative policies and implementation approaches to ICT, and meeting with key policymakers and government officials in the Ontario Province.

Lunch is by individual arrangement today. This evening the group will enjoy a welcome dinner with fellow travelers at a nearby restaurant.

Overnight: Novotel North York Center Hotel
Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner



📍 Toronto, Canada

DAY 3, December 4

Continue your professional program

Today you will continue discussions with the **Toronto District School Board**. The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is the largest and one of the most diverse school boards in Canada. They serve approximately 246,000 students in 582 schools throughout Toronto, and more than 140,000 life-long learners in their Adult and Continuing Education programs.

The delegation will be focusing on the following questions during your visit:

- How are school systems in Ontario developing and implementing new policies, particularly around curriculum and ICT, to create high performing learning environments?
- What can U.S. education leaders learn from colleagues in Ontario and adapt to their school systems, particularly around use of technology for learning?
- How are they achieving a commitment to digital equity and equal access for all students, particularly those from immigrant populations?
- How are students being prepared for success as we enter the 4th Industrial Revolution?

Lunch and dinner are by individual arrangement today.

Overnight: Novotel North York Center Hotel
Included meals: Breakfast



📍 Toronto, Canada

DAY 4, December 5, 2019

Continue your professional program

Today you will walk to the adjacent hotel to attend the **Canada/U.S. Education Technology Leadership Summit**. The Summit will bring together the U.S. delegation and key Canadian superintendents and their education technology leaders/CIO/CTOs for an interactive dialogue to share successes and failures around use of technology in K-12 and highlight best practices. Michael Fullan, Global Leadership Director, New Pedagogies for Deep Learning and a worldwide authority on educational reform, will provide the keynote speech.

This evening the group will enjoy a farewell dinner with fellow travelers at a nearby restaurant.

Overnight: Novotel North York Center Hotel

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 5, December 6, 2019

Morning meeting & afternoon departure

A meeting room will be provided for 3 hours this morning to wrap up your professional exchange with your program leader(s). Say farewell to Canada and return to the U.S. today with arrival the same day. Shuttle service to Toronto Airport via private motor coach will be provided. *Check-out is by noon today.*

Included meals: Breakfast

FOCUS AND GOALS OF DELEGATION

The Canadian education system is ranked among the best in the world, with students coming in seventh overall in the most recent report from the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA). Canada's education system consistently beats the competition in science, reading and on equity issues like gender balance.

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I originally joined the last two CoSN delegations because of the opportunity to visit other countries and see how they were using technology. Both times I came back with a much deeper appreciation of the impact we as CIO/CTOs have on teaching and learning. I was able to see how other countries have met challenges and how I could think differently about finding solutions. The CoSN delegation trips are some of the most valuable experiences I have had in education.

Tom Ryan, CISO, Santa Fe Public Schools



Program Leader | Keith R. Krueger, CAE | Chief Executive Officer

Keith R. Krueger CAE, serves as CoSN's chief staff officer overseeing all CoSN activities and works with the Board of Directors to set strategy and vision; serves on the CoSN Board of Directors and Executive, Personnel and Finance Committees; works with CTO Council, Emerging Technologies, international activities, Nominations & Bylaws, Awards, Meetings & Events, Technical & Standards Committee and Policy

Committees. Keith has an MA in Communications from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota and a BA in political science from the George Washington University



Program Organizer | Cheryl Scott Williams

Cheryl recently served as interim CEO of the International Society of Technology in Education (ISTE). A nationally recognized leader in education reform and improvement with extensive experience leading nonprofit boards and building successful board-staff relationships, Cheryl previously served as executive director of the Learning First Alliance.

Prior to leading the Learning First Alliance, Cheryl served as a senior consultant at the American Productivity and Quality Center. She was previously vice president, strategic initiatives, at Teachscape, a San Francisco-based company that designs and delivers online, job-embedded professional development for teachers and principals. In addition, she has served as vice president of education at the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), and spent 14 years directing the education technology program at the National School Boards Association before joining CPB.



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