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November Administrator Trip to Finland Tentative Agenda:

DAY 1:

Explore the city of Helsinki

Day 2:

Professional Development Activity:

Workshop: *Finnish education system and National Core Curriculum in Action*

In the past half-decade, Finland has gone through an educational reform. In 2016 one of the most innovative curriculums came into effect for basic education. In this workshop you will explore the basis of the Finnish education system and study some of the key elements of the National Core Curriculum and its skill-based approach.

- Facilitator: Petteri Elo

DAY 3:

Professional Development Activity: *On-site Finnish School visit*

Professional Development Activity:

Workshop: *Driving for School/District Wide Pedagogical Development, Case PBL*

As a teacher, your core responsibility is to create meaningful and engaging learning experiences for your students. As a leader, your core responsibility is to create an environment where such learning experiences can be created. At the heart of such environment is trust. In this workshop we will explore what trust means from the perspective of a leader and a teacher. We will use the implementation of student centered and engaging PBL cases for district wide pedagogical development work.

- Facilitator: Petteri Elo

DAY 4:

Professional Development Activity: *On-site Finnish School visit*

Professional Development Activity:

Workshop: *Conversations with Finnish students*

In this workshop you will have a chance to meet with a group of Finnish middle school / high school students. You will have a chance to pick their brains on what it means to be a student in Finland.

- Facilitator: Petteri Elo

DAY 5:

A Day in a life of a Finn: Sauna, Salmon and Sausages

This day will take you to Kuusijärvi, <https://www.cafekuusijarvi.fi/english/>, a small recreational center just a 30 drive away from the city center of Helsinki. You will have a chance to go to a real Finnish sauna or just enjoy the beautiful scenery by having a coffee and strolling around the lake. After this, we will walk through the forest to Petteri's house where he will prepare a traditional Finnish lunch including freshly smoked salmon, sausages, Carelian pies, salad and refreshments.

- Host: Petteri Elo

Day 6: Sightseeing in Helsinki

Day 7: Travel Day