



## Objectives

- To reconnect as a cohort in person and build on existing connections to foster stronger relationships
- To understand how different sectors, approaches, and actors come together to advance progress toward shared goals at a strategic level
- To explore how strategy transforms into action at the neighborhood level at different phases, from igniting early engagement to sustained, established initiatives driving meaningful change
- To reflect on community projects and leverage best practices, insights, and lessons from the site visit to accelerate progress

---

## Day 0: Monday, October 27

6:00 – 7:30 PM

**Optional: Welcome Reception**

AC Hotel Spartanburg, 225 Main Street

---

## Day 1: Tuesday, October 28

*Theme: Foundation Building - Strategic Partnerships in Action*

**AM Sessions:** AC Hotel Spartanburg, 225 Main Street - The Collection Room on 2nd floor

**Lunch & PM Sessions:** Spartanburg Academic Movement Office, 101 N Pine St.

8:00 – 9:00 AM

**Breakfast & Registration**

*The Collection Room, 2nd Floor*

9:00 – 9:45 AM

**Welcome & Re-Connecting as a Community**

*The Collection Room, 2nd Floor*

- **Denisse Arias**, Director, Cradle-to-Career Leadership & Learning, EdRedesign, Harvard Graduate School of Education
- **Russell Booker**, CEO, Spartanburg Academic Movement

**9:45 – 10:15 AM**

**Grounding in Place: Spartanburg, South Carolina**

*The Collection Room, 2nd Floor*

- **Russell Booker**, CEO, Spartanburg Academic Movement
- **Rep. Brenda Lee Pryce**, Founder of the Spartanburg Heritage Committee, South Carolina State House of Representatives (1995 - 2005)

**10:15 – 10:45 AM**

**Setting Your Own Learning Agenda**

*The Collection Room, 2nd Floor*

- **Denisse Arias**, Director, Cradle-to-Career Leadership & Learning, EdRedesign, Harvard Graduate School of Education

**10:45 – 11:15 AM**

**Break & Travel to Spartanburg Academic Movement Offices**

**11:15 AM – 12:15 PM**

**Lunch with Spartanburg Academic Movement**

*Spartanburg Academic Movement Offices*

**12:15 – 1:30 PM**

**Deep Dive: Spartanburg Academic Movement**

*Suite 130*

- **Russell Booker**, CEO, Spartanburg Academic Movement
- **Keisha Gray**, Chief Strategy Officer, Spartanburg Academic Movement

**1:30 – 1:45 PM**

**Break**

**1:45 – 4:30 PM**

**Breakout Sessions: Building Strategic Partnerships for Impact**

Participants will be pre-assigned to participate in two of the following breakout sessions (there will be a break for transition between sessions):

*K-12 Education: Engaging School Districts, Suite 130*

- **Marquice Clark**, Principal, Cleveland Academy of Leadership
- **Julie Fowler**, Superintendent, School District 3
- **Randall Gary**, Superintendent, School District 5
- **Darryl Owings**, Superintendent-in-Residence, Spartanburg Academic Movement
- **Savannah Ray**, Director of Center for Youth Engagement & Partnerships, Spartanburg Academic Movement

*Workforce & Economic Development: Engaging Post-Secondary Institutions & Business Community, Suite 140*

- **Julie Denesha**, Manager, Workforce & Pipeline Development, Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System
- **Bennie Harris**, Chancellor, University of South Carolina Upstate
- **Allen Smith**, CEO, OneSpartanburg, Inc.
- **Meghan Smith**, Director of Center for Postsecondary Success, Spartanburg Academic Movement

*Public Sector: Engaging with City Government, Suite 150*

- **Taylor Dockter**, Director of the Center for Early Childhood Success, Spartanburg Academic Movement
- **Jauntavia Padgett**, Director of Advocacy, Spartanburg Academic Movement
- **Mayor Jerome Rice**, City of Spartanburg
- **Chris Story**, City Manager, City of Spartanburg

**4:30 – 5:00 PM**

**Reflections & Closing Remarks**

*Suite 130*

- **Denisse Arias**, Director, Cradle-to-Career Leadership & Learning, EdRedesign, Harvard Graduate School of Education
- **Rob Watson**, Executive Director, EdRedesign; Lecturer on Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education

**5:00 – 5:30 PM**

**Transportation to Hotel**

**6:30 – 8:00 PM**

**Small Group Dinners**

*Cribb's Kitchen, 226 B W Main St, Spartanburg, SC 29306*

---

## Day 2: Wednesday, October 29

*Theme: Neighborhood Transformation: From Vision to Reality*

**Early AM Session:** AC Hotel Spartanburg, 225 Main Street

**Community Visits Part I:** Dr. T.K. Gregg Community Center

**Community Visits Part II:** Fifth Third Park Stadium

**7:30 – 8:15 AM**

### **Breakfast**

*The Collection Room, 2nd Floor*

**8:15 – 8:45 AM**

### **Welcome & Community Visits Overview**

- **Denisse Arias**, Director, Cradle-to-Career Leadership & Learning, EdRedesign, Harvard Graduate School of Education
- **Bill Barnet**, Former Spartanburg Mayor & Community Champion
- **Russell Booker**, CEO, Spartanburg Academic Movement

**8:45 – 9:00 AM**

### **Board Buses**

**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

### **Community Visits Part I: Northside Neighborhood Tour & Visit**

*The Franklin School, Dr. T.K. Gregg Community Center*

- **Bill Barnet**, Former Mayor & Community Champion
- **Russell Booker**, CEO, Spartanburg Academic Movement
- **Jasmine Stewart**, Place-Based Partnerships Manager, Center for Resilient Schools & Communities, Spartanburg Academic Movement
- **David Summers**, CEO, Northside Development Group
- **Tony Thomas**, Northside Voyager & Community Champion

**11:45 AM - 12:00 PM**

### **Board Buses**

**12:00 – 2:45 PM**

### **Community Visits Part II: Highland Tour, Lunch, & Deep Dive Discussion**

*Milliken Suite, Fifth Third Park Stadium*

- **Russell Booker**, CEO, Spartanburg Academic Movement
- **Leroy Jeter**, President of Highland Neighborhood Association
- **Mitch Kennedy**, Deputy City Manager, City of Spartanburg
- **Keith McDaniel**, Pastor, Macedonia Baptist Church
- **Patrena Mims**, Executive Director, Bethlehem Center

**2:45 – 3:00 PM**

### **Break**

**3:00 – 4:00 PM**

**Braiding Local, Regional, & National Funds to Support the Work**

*Milliken Suite, Fifth Third Park Stadium*

- **Elizabeth Dudek**, Program Officer, Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina
- **Eshauna Smith**, National Director of Community Impact, Ballmer Group
- **Molly Talbot-Metz**, President & CEO, Mary Black Foundation
- **Mary Thomas**, President & CEO, CFLeads

**4:00 – 4:30 PM**

**Reflections & Closing Remarks**

*Milliken Suite, Fifth Third Park Stadium*

- **Paul Reville**, Francis Keppel Professor of Practice of Educational Policy and Administration; Founder and Faculty Director, EdRedesign, Harvard Graduate School of Education

**4:30 - 4:45 PM**

**Group Photo**

**4:45 - 5:45 PM**

**Break & Walk to Hotel (next door)**

**5:45 - 6:00 PM**

**Board Buses**

**6:00 - 8:30 PM**

**Dinner Reception & Coffee Chat: *Place-Based Leadership: The Practice & Power of Quiet Leadership***

*Piedmont Club, Palmetto Room*

- **Bill Barnet**, Former Mayor & Community Champion
- **Russell Booker**, CEO, Spartanburg Academic Movement
- **Phil Feisal**, President, Spartanburg Medical Center; Board Chair, Spartanburg Academic Movement
- **John Verreault**, Senior Vice President, TD Bank; Board Chair, Northside Development Group
- **Rob Watson**, Executive Director, EdRedesign; Lecturer on Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education

---

## Day 3: Thursday, October 30

Theme: *Collaborative Innovation: Sharing Insights and Accelerating Your Impact*

**All Sessions:** AC Hotel Spartanburg, 225 Main Street

**8:00 – 8:45 AM**

### **Breakfast**

*The Collection Room, 2nd Floor*

**8:45 – 9:00 AM**

### **Welcome & Reflection**

*The Collection Room, 2nd Floor*

- **Denisse Arias**, Director, Cradle-to-Career Leadership & Learning, EdRedesign, Harvard Graduate School of Education

**9:00 – 9:50 AM**

### **Place-Based Leadership: Lessons for Building, Sustaining, & Accelerating the Work**

*The Collection Room, 2nd Floor*

- **Russell Booker**, CEO, Spartanburg Academic Movement
- **Tauheedah Jackson**, Deputy Director and Director of Institute for Success Planning, EdRedesign, Harvard Graduate School of Education

**9:50 - 10:50 AM**

### **Project Consultations**

*The Collection Room, 2nd Floor*

- **Sagar Desai**, Senior Consultant, EdRedesign, Harvard Graduate School of Education

**10:50 - 11:00 AM**

### **Break**

**11:00 AM - 12:40 PM**

### **Revisiting Public Narrative: Story of Us**

*The Collection Room, 2nd Floor*

- **Chris Shelton**, Director, Education Strategy & Cross-Sector Community Impact, EdRedesign, Harvard Graduate School of Education

**12:40 – 1:00 PM**

### **Closing**

*The Collection Room, 2nd Floor*

- **Denisse Arias**, Director, Cradle-to-Career Leadership & Learning, EdRedesign, Harvard Graduate School of Education
- **Rob Watson**, Executive Director, EdRedesign; Lecturer on Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education

**1:00 PM**

### **Grab & Go Lunch**

**1:30 PM**

### **Airport Shuttles Depart**