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## Cane Ridge faculty become world leaders

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** (Aug. 7, 2009) – During the 2009-2010 school year, Cane Ridge High School will partner with Eagle’s Flight, a renowned corporate training business, to create strong teacher teams as part of the district’s high school redesign efforts. Monday, Aug. 10, Eagle’s Flight will provide a day-long training using experiential learning for the entire Cane Ridge faculty. This partnership and training are crucial as Metro Schools continues the implementation and creation of smaller learning communities in its community high schools. The district’s smaller learning communities include freshman, career and theme-based academies and require teachers to be skilled in working, communicating and helping students learn within a team structure.

“We know the traditional approach to teaching high school doesn’t work for many students,” said Dr. Lora Hall, executive principal of Cane Ridge High School. “Teachers need to be able to share strategies and challenges around helping every student succeed. This kind of training helps break down the classroom walls so that every teacher is working as part of a team to support our students.”

The training will be Monday, Aug. 10, from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., at Cane Ridge, and will be the first time Eagle’s Flight has provided this corporate training to a public school faculty in Tennessee. Valued at more than \$15,000, Eagle’s Flight is providing the day’s training at no charge to the school district as part of a pilot program. Todd Mitchem, VP of Business Development for Eagle’s Flight, will facilitate the day.

“We were so thrilled that Cane Ridge wanted to work with us on this project,” said Mitchem. “High school teachers aren’t always trained to work in highly effective teams, and our company helps businesses do that every day.”

As the day’s facilitator, Mitchem will immerse teachers in a unique learning environment by turning them temporarily into world leaders utilizing the Eagle’s Flight program Promises Promises™.

The Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce helped bring chamber member Eagle’s Flight together with Cane Ridge for this unique collaboration.

“This is another great example of a Nashville business stepping up to support education,” said Marc Hill, Chief Education Officer of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce. “To meet the challenges of rising

academic standards, our schools have to be creative in how they reach the goal of success for all students. Many businesses, like Eagle's Flight, are ready to help.”

Metro Nashville Public Schools provide a range of educational opportunities to more than 75,000 students in Nashville and Davidson County. The governing body for MNPS is the Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County Board of Public Education, a nine-member group elected by residents of Metropolitan Nashville. For more information, please visit [www.mnps.org](http://www.mnps.org).

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