

# WELS COMMISSION ON LUTHERAN SCHOOLS



Spring 2022



WELS Education Conference  
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## Register Now!

Registration is now open for the WELS National Education Conference, June 20-22, 2022. Experience keynotes, sectionals, worship, and fellowship opportunities at the Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee, Wis. Special keynote presentation and sectionals by Dr. Eric Jensen on June 20.



Visit [welsedconference.com](http://welsedconference.com) to explore sessions and reserve your spot now! Early bird pricing ends May 1. Schools who have made a 2021-22 Lutheran Schools support contribution are eligible for \$50 discount; check with your school leader for the discount code.

### Stay in Touch

Subscribe to the weekly CLS e-News at [wels.net/subscribe](http://wels.net/subscribe).

Principals and directors receive a monthly Lutheran Schools Leader electronic newsletter.

Administrators are encouraged to join our Google group "adminmail" to ask questions and share information. Send an e-mail to [lutheranschools@wels.net](mailto:lutheranschools@wels.net) to request an invitation.

Check out the Lutheran Schools Resource Center for additional materials to assist you in your teaching ministry: [cls.welsrc.net](http://cls.welsrc.net)

Send us an e-mail at [lutheranschools@wels.net](mailto:lutheranschools@wels.net) if you need assistance connecting with any of these resources.

## Principal Credential Cohort & Early Childhood Emerging Leader Cohort

The Principal Credential Cohort program invites individuals who have demonstrated three or more years of successful teaching experience, recognized leadership gifts and characteristics, and are not currently serving in a principal role to participate. The cohort provides support from mentors and fellow participants, three leadership training events, and a 50% scholarship for graduate coursework through MLC.

The Emerging Leader Cohort for early childhood directors provides opportunities for those either not currently serving as an early childhood director or new to the director role with professional development and training. The cohort provides support from mentors and fellow participants, three leadership training events, and ongoing opportunities to grow and learn as a leader.

For more information or to nominate a teacher for either Principal Credential Cohort or Emerging Leader Cohort programs visit [cls.welsrc.net/school\\_leadership](http://cls.welsrc.net/school_leadership) or contact our office.

## MSOE Business Certificate for School Leaders

We will be accepting applications for the next cohort, which begins July 2022. The program includes a 5-course, 20-credit business certificate. Support from the Kern Family Foundation brings participant cost to only \$3,000. Please contact the Lutheran Schools office for more information if you are seeking to improve your understanding of school finance, project management, change facilitation, or stakeholder engagement.

## Heart Imprints

This resource provides ideas for your chapel or children's message that coordinates with the scheduled readings for each Sunday and consists of a Bible reading, an object lesson, an outline that articulates the law and gospel, and a suggested order of service. Learn more at [cls.welsrc.net/heartimprints](http://cls.welsrc.net/heartimprints), and download the resources. View the Heart Imprints Introduction for helpful tips for presenting devotions to children.

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## Telling the Next Generation

God has blessed us with an incredible opportunity to share Jesus with students and their families who don't yet have a church home! We're here to assist you in creating a plan to grow together in the Word, build authentic relationships, and connect people with the message of God's redeeming love and grace.

This six-hour workshop can be presented to a group of congregations, to a single congregation, or shared virtually. For more information or to schedule a workshop, visit [welscongregationalervices.net/telling-the-next-generation](http://welscongregationalervices.net/telling-the-next-generation) or contact [tellingthenextgeneration@wels.net](mailto:tellingthenextgeneration@wels.net).

## 2021-22 School Statistics

Annual statistics collection helps us recognize the many blessings, challenges, and opportunities that our schools face. Thank you to all schools who participated in submitting their data this year. Visit the CLS resource center [cls.welsrc.net/stats](http://cls.welsrc.net/stats) to view a detailed summary report.

### Enrollment Growth/Decline 5 years

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
ECM	11,126	11,270	11,447	9,803	11,672
LES	24,485	24,348	24,394	24,618	26,586
ALHS	5,493	5,619	5,793	5,874	6,041
Prep Schools	616	611	599	581	605

## Divine Call Updates

Lutheran Schools has provided support for over 600 teacher calls so far during the 2021-2022 active teacher calling window (Oct. 10, 2021 – April 14, 2022).

Demand for teachers remains high due to enrollment growth, resignations, and retirements.

## MY WELS CLOUD

Please review and update your WELS Cloud profile and self-assessment at [cloud.wels.net/me](http://cloud.wels.net/me) to ensure it reflects your most current information. Profiles are used to research and identify candidates for calls. Therefore, it is very important we are aware of your current ministry interests and relocation preferences/abilities.

### NEED ASSISTANCE?

For assistance accessing My WELS Cloud forms, contact the WELS Help Desk Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Central Time at 414-259-4357 or [support@wels.net](mailto:support@wels.net). For other questions, e-mail [lutheranschools@wels.net](mailto:lutheranschools@wels.net) or call 414-259-4354.

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