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**The West Jefferson Hills School District to Host EdCamp Pittsburgh
on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at Pleasant Hills Middle School**

Jefferson Hills, PA - West Jefferson Hills School District Staff and Administrators will host the 2017 EdCamp Pittsburgh on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at Pleasant Hills Middle School from 8:00AM – 2:00PM. EdCamp is an "unconference" that is completely participant driven and free for all attendees. The structure of this educational unconference is very informal, with attendees signing up to run sessions first thing in the morning. Attendees are comprised of teachers, administrators, community members, and life-long learners who are passionate about education and personalized learning. Unlike traditional conferences scheduled months in advance by the people conducting the conference, participants at EdCamp create the agenda during the event. Educators who attend EdCamp can choose to lead sessions on a specific topic, with an expectation that the people in the room will work together to build understanding by sharing their own knowledge, expertise and questions. There will be time for attendees to gather informally to share ideas along with a variety of sessions for them to attend, run by their colleagues and fellow educators, to provide invaluable, collaborative

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professional development and learning. According to WJHSD Superintendent Dr. Michael Ghilani, “We are extremely excited to be hosting EdCamp. Our Keynote Speaker, Vic Vuchic, is one of the foremost experts in the country on personalized learning and is at the forefront of developing Learner Positioning Systems.”

Vic Vuchic, Chief Innovation Officer and Executive Director of the Learner Positioning Systems, will provide the Keynote Address via Skype. Vic is a seasoned thought leader in education technology and philanthropy. He is an expert in learning science, innovation, and scaling what works and has launched game-changing initiatives that have increased access to education and improved learning for tens of millions of learners in the Americas, Europe, Asia and Africa. Prior to Digital Promise Global, Vic consulted with a number of foundations and organizations on education technology, innovation and philanthropy. Prior to consulting, Vic developed strategies and managed over \$100 million in technology-focused grants at the Hewlett Foundation to launch and grow the Open Educational Resources movement and create and advance the Deeper Learning strategy. Vic completed a master’s degree in education and technology at Stanford University and a bachelor’s degree in systems engineering at the University of Pennsylvania. Vic also received a scholarship and attended Berklee College of Music for one year. Previous experience includes working at startups in Silicon Valley for eight years with expertise in human-centric system design and innovation methodologies.

Registration for EdCamp Pittsburgh is open and free for all participants. Please visit

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/edcamp-pittsburgh-tickets-37392861054> for more information and to register for

this exciting day of professional development.

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About West Jefferson Hills School District

The West Jefferson Hills School District provides quality education for approximately 2,900 students and consists of three elementary schools, one middle school and one high school based on the core values of facilitating a **Learner-Centric** focus, delivering **Personalized Learning** for every teacher, staff member, and student all built on a supportive foundation of strong **Relationships**. The District is organized in a K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 plan offering full academic and athletic programs. The Personalized Learning curriculum helps educators meet the unique needs of every student. Educational support programs with teams of trained personnel are available in each of the five District buildings to assist students who may be experiencing learning or emotional difficulties. Partnerships with local school districts, post-secondary education institutions, organizations, corporations and neighboring businesses further enhance the educational opportunities offered to District students.