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We'd like to offer you the first chance to register for **Digital Learning Now's Pre-Summit field trip and workshop** taking place Wednesday, November 19 in Washington, D.C., the day before the Foundation for Excellence in Education's (ExcelinEd) [National Summit on Education Reform 2014](#). This event is first come, first serve, so [CLICK HERE](#) to reserve your spot. More details and contact information for questions are below.

## **Digital Learning Now Pre-Summit Event**

*Wednesday, Nov. 19, 8:30am – 4:00pm*

ExcelinEd's Digital Learning Now will be hosting the second annual **Digital Learning Now Pre-Summit event** on Wednesday, November 19. This special event is invite only and an additional night at the Marriott Wardman Park will be covered for National Summit Scholarship recipients. Transportation will leave the Marriott at 8:30 am and return by 4 pm.

In the morning leaders will have the chance to experience blended learning classrooms in two DC public schools, followed by an interactive "**Policy Hackathon**" to explore how state policies can directly support, encourage, or hinder the growth of blended, personalized, and competency-based models of education.

A hackathon is an event, typically lasting several days, in which a large number of people meet to engage in collaborative problem solving, often involving software coding. Along with the leaders attending, we will use the approach of a hackathon to take a policy problem and collaboratively build solutions to solve it.

The Policy Hackathon will be hosted at [General Assembly](#), a cutting edge new higher education model that leverages classes, workshops, full-time immersive programs, and online educational programming on the most relevant skills of the 21st century economy.

Lunch and transportation to and from the Marriott Wardman Park will be provided. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to confirm your spot at the **Digital Learning Now Policy Hackathon**. If you have any

questions, please contact Neil Campbell at [neilc@excelined.org](mailto:neilc@excelined.org) or call 202.670.5538. This event is first come, first serve and is limited to forty participants. If you would like to take part, please confirm now!

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