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Detroit Public Schools General Superintendent Connie K. Calloway, Ph.D., will have the opportunity to visit schools and programs in Korea later this month on a study tour abroad.

The trip's timing comes ideally after the series of traditional late summer and mid-August "Back to School" programs, training sessions, and planning events for school district staff members, all of which she is or has been personally involved in. Recently those included an intensive training program for Detroit's new principals at which Dr. Calloway served as the instructor. The trip also will follow the DPS staff Opening of Schools meeting on August 18, and will conclude in advance of the opening day of schools for students.

This study tour was deliberately planned to occur during the least disruptive time of year and after all of the planning for opening of schools was completed. An Opening of Schools Taskforce has been meeting since early spring to make preparations for a smooth start for the 2008-2009 school year. A list of schools slated for opening day visits by the Superintendent will be available shortly. Additionally, the district's summer textbook distribution process that her administration has instituted, through which some 60% percent of school textbooks have already been placed in schools, greatly exceeds the experiences of some recent years during which some textbooks did not reach students until as late as second semester.

"The Superintendent is the district's first learner, and it's important to maintain a continual process of enhancing one's knowledge of schools and programs including those in other cultures, and I look forward to reporting back to Detroit's parents and educators regarding my discoveries upon my return," said Superintendent Calloway.

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