



Maple Leaf School – Lakehead University

Inaugural School Principal Application

Maple Leaf Education North America (MLENA) is seeking an inaugural Principal for its exciting new university preparatory high school to be based on Lakehead’s University (LakeheadU) campus in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Maple Leaf School – Lakehead University (MLS-LakeheadU) will be opening in September 2019.

The School

Maple Leaf Education North America (MLENA) and Lakehead University have a shared vision to bring to Ontario the unique global curriculum approach to education that characterizes the over 90 schools across the Maple Leaf system in China, Australia and Canada. MLS-LakeheadU will teach the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) curriculum and ensure that all students graduate with a global perspective and a strong foundation for university success.

MLS-LakeheadU will occupy an attractive self-contained facility located on Lakehead University's Thunder Bay campus. MLS-LakeheadU will be open to both international and domestic students and an on-site boarding option will be available for students who do not have family in the Thunder Bay area.

MLS-LakeheadU’s curriculum will be accredited by the Ontario Ministry of Education and AdvancED. AdvancED is recognized by the United States government and is the largest school accrediting body in the world.

Maple Leaf

Maple Leaf Educational Systems is one of the largest K-12 international school systems worldwide. Maple Leaf opened its first school in Dalian, China in 1995 with 14 students and now has over 41,000 students enrolled in more than 90 schools.

Since 2016 Maple Leaf has expanded its offerings to include a series of university preparatory high schools that partner with select universities in both Canada and Australia. These schools include the following locations: MLS -Thompson Rivers University (Kamloops, B.C., Canada), MLS - Kwantlen Polytechnic University (Richmond, B.C., Canada) and MLS - University of South Australia (Adelaide, SA, Australia). The newest addition to our university preparatory schools will be with our partner Lakehead University this September in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Maple Leaf graduates have achieved outstanding success in obtaining admission to the World's top universities. Universities having admitted in 2017 and 2018 Maple Leaf graduates include Imperial College London, University College London, University of California-Berkeley, University of California-Los Angeles, McGill University, UBC, University of Toronto, University of South Australia, University of Melbourne, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Australian National University, University of Alberta, McMaster University, and Tsinghua University, among many others.

Maple Leaf Education North America (MLENA) was established as a company in 2015 to facilitate the growth of the Maple Leaf Education brand in North America. MLENA is part of the family of Maple Leaf Education companies worldwide. China Maple Leaf Educational Systems, the founding company, is a public company and was listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange on November 28, 2014 (Stock Code Number:1317).

The Principal

Maple Leaf wishes to appoint an outstanding and experienced educational leader as the inaugural Principal for the Maple Leaf School – Lakehead University. As well as a demonstrated track-record of school leadership, the successful candidate will be able to show commitment to the values of Maple Leaf, including an affinity to help nurture global leadership within our students, as well as a pursuit of excellence and innovation in teaching and educational outcomes.

The successful candidate will have:

- A valid Ontario principalship certification or willing to complete the Ontario Principals Qualification Program (PQP) as soon as possible and prior to December 31, 2019
- Previous high school teaching experience (5+ years)
- Successful previous high school leadership experience at a Vice Principal or Principal level
- Knowledge of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) curriculum and pedagogical approaches
- Familiarity with the Ontario government educational standards and the process for meeting private high school OSSD course inspection accreditation requirements
- Visionary leadership and collaborative, team building skills
- Experience with English second language learners
- School budget and expenditure skills and knowledge, along with organizational abilities
- Excellent problem solving and decision-making skills as well as good judgement
- Excellent oral, written, listening and reading communication skills
- Strong cross-cultural communication skills
- Experience with differentiated teaching practices related to inclusion, diversity and teaching students with exceptionalities
- Ability to work in an intercultural setting where building relationships with all partners that share the facilities will be critical to the success of the program and the school
- Familiarity with a boarding school model and/or proven success of working with students outside of the classroom/school setting
- A willingness to engage in student recruitment activities and activities which profile the school within the community
- Familiarity with the technology used in supporting student learning
- Familiarity and experience with Student Management Software, Learning Software and Microsoft Office 365

Applications should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae and at least two recent professional references.

Application Timeline: Posting of vacancy begins on March 4th, 2019. Posting will remain open until successful candidate is identified.

Salary scale: Competitive local salary for principals within Ontario.

Start Date: Negotiable. Ideally 2 -4 months prior to the academic year in order to best prepare for the opening of the school and all related logistics.

Educational leaders, meeting these requirements and excited by the prospect of serving as inaugural Principal of this innovative, new high school on Lakehead University's campus in Thunder Bay, are invited to contact:

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