



Where knowledge and inspiration meet to create the future

The Learning Environments and Partnerships (LEAP) Committee of the Eau Claire Area School District (ECASD) is sponsoring a viewing and discussion of the documentary, *Race to Nowhere*. The film, released in 2010, is the work of Vicki Abeles as she observed her children, and the children of other families, experiencing life. She writes,

Seeing the stress levels in my children rise and the suicide of a 13 year old in my community, I set out to understand what was going on. I learned of an epidemic of stress breaking out amongst kids and a lack of preparation for college and the workplace. I set out to understand that state of childhood and education.

The ECASD Board of Education has established the following three strategic goals in order to frame our educational efforts:

1. ... educate the whole child using multiple measures to assess academic achievement and social/emotional growth that are characteristic of successful adults.
2. ... create a collaborative, intentional and engaging climate and culture using research-based practices to promote student learning.
3. ... work to strengthen connections with the community to support students.

To these goals, our showing of *Race to Nowhere* is a call to engage Eau Claire students, families, educators and community members to examine assumptions on how to inspire and prepare the youth of Eau Claire to live creative, fulfilling and responsible lives.

Please join us for one of three viewings at the Memorial High School Little Theatre.

All viewings and discussions are from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Showings are Tuesday, January 17; Wednesday, January 25; and Thursday, February 2. Please bring along a pen or pencil.

Click [here](#) to view the *Race to Nowhere* trailer.

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