



Clinic Sessions

To aid attendees interested in focusing on specific topics, Clinic Sessions are organized into the following categories:

(G) Governance and Executive Leadership—Effective leadership skills are necessary to transform public education. Learn how to align resources to the achievement of district standards and priorities, get updates on legal decisions impacting education, understand education reform, collaborate with diverse stakeholders and make better personal use of technology.

(I) Innovations in District Management (Including Collaboration and Resource Sharing)—Learn how to deal creatively and collaboratively with economic challenges, diminishing resources and local bond initiatives.

(SB) School Board/Superintendent/Community Partnerships—Learn the different roles and responsibilities of the board and superintendents, as well as how to collaborate and develop long-term successful relationships inside and outside the system.

(SA) Student Achievement, Accountability and Data—Understand and use data to inform strategy and board decision. Gain an understanding of the conditions that optimize teaching and learning, narrow or eliminate the achievement gap, improve accountability and foster continuous improvement within a system.

(SF) Student, Family, Community, Wellness and Environment—Support, environment and wellness profoundly affect student outcomes. Learn about factors that support and hinder these critical inputs to student learning, as well as strategies to address challenges.

(T) Technology + Learning Solutions—Technology is transforming how students learn. Learn about emerging research and technologies, practical strategies and real-life solutions.

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

(G) A Time for AND & WITH—An Exploration Into Restorative Leadership

How do leaders transform their schools and districts to be restorative? Inspired by “Implementing Restorative Practice in Schools” (Thorsborne and Blood) and “Unleashing the

Positive Power of Differences” (Kise), this highly interactive session will engage participants in selected activities including constructing meaning around the social discipline window and fair process, as well as managing the polarities of these concepts. Participants will leave this session with tools and strategies that can be used in their own context.

Presenters: Martin Chaffe, Leadership Consultant, Julie McDaniel, Student Safety and Well-Being Consultant and Jenelle Williams, Literacy Consultant, Oakland Schools

(G) Leading in a Time of Crisis: Pre-existing Conditions Prevail

Hear one school district's story about how its collaborative and caring culture, strategic vision and focus on innovative practices enabled it to transform over a weekend from brick-and-mortar schools with face-to-face instruction to its Cloud Learning Initiative without missing a beat.

Presenters: Gerald Hill, Superintendent, Stacy Brickman, School Board President, Deanna Barash, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, Eric Whitney, Assistant Superintendent of Talent Development and Management, West Bloomfield School District

(G) Title IX Best Practices: Handling Harassment and Discrimination at Your District

Title IX cases in public schools are on the rise and violations include a wide range of allegations including molestation, sex discrimination and sexual, verbal, visual and physical harassment. With an escalation in the frequency and severity of Title IX cases, it is important for districts to learn how to properly navigate these claims. Join experts from Michigan’s largest school insurance pool and a Michigan-based defense attorney to learn how Title IX will affect your current policies and processes for handling these issues. We will discuss best practices in preventing these issues, advise what to do should an incident occur and share the five common but critical mistakes to avoid.

Presenters: Moranda Gowell, Communications and Events Strategist, SET SEG

(I) The Two Timelines of a Bond Campaign

Every school finance election has two timelines. If you plan to have an election in the next couple of years, your school district is in "Timeline One" right now. Attend this session to see where you are on the continuum and the steps you should take to have a successful election. Why should you care? Planning now for Timeline One will make Timeline Two much easier and provide better success at the polls.

Presenters: Jeff Atkins, Project Planner, Barton Malow and William Banach, CEO, Banach, Banach & Cassidy

(SB) A Community Engaged: The Development of a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Team

After a local mother responded to a racist incident by turning to Facebook (our genesis moment), the district put out a call for community members to join our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee. A year later, after another racist incident rocked our community and brought us briefly into the national spotlight, the DEI Committee and the district were ready with recommendations and guidance. In this panel discussion, we share the story of how the DEI Committee became a vital partnership for the board and the district.

Presenters: TBD

(SB) From the Ground Up—Grassroots Advocacy Made Easy!

This session will encourage members to become strong public education advocates for K-12 students and their districts through tips on how advocacy can be made easy and effective. Participants will not only learn the tools to engage in the legislative process, but how to grow grassroots advocacy efforts in their region and essentially build community-based coalitions.

Presenters: De'Shondria Bedenfield, Policy Analyst and Grassroots Coordinator and Jeff Cobb, Assistant Director of Government Relations, MASB

(SB) Make an Investment in Your Superintendent

Invest for SUCCESS! You have selected the leader of your district; now it's time to make sure he/she continues to grow in that role. Professional development is critical to the success of your superintendent. Districts that support the professional growth of their leaders will ultimately add to their overall success. This session will explore opportunities and the programming needed to add to the longevity of your district leader.

Presenter: Tina Kerr, Ph.D. Executive Director, Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators

(SF) School Safety in a Post-Pandemic America: The Critical Need for an All-Hazards Approach

There are critical lessons to be learned about school safety in a post-pandemic America—and not all of them have to do with infectious disease. In this timely, interactive session, we'll explore the critical need for an all-hazards approach to school safety that empowers school districts to plan for, prevent and respond to a wide array of natural and man-made hazards. Vital, but often overlooked crisis response principles, such as threat assessment, continuity of operations planning, stakeholder communication, parent reunification, violence prevention initiatives and improving school culture will be explored in a pragmatic, research-based fashion.

Presenters: Amy Klinger, Director of Programs and Amanda Klinger, Director of Operations, The Educator's School Safety Network