

LYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Staff Travel Report
to
School Board of Trustees*

Your recent request to travel has been approved. Within two weeks of the date of the conference the following report is due in the office of the Deputy Superintendent.

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Staff Member:	<u>Julie Bumgardner</u>	School:	<u>Dayton High School</u>
Conference:	<u>National Elementary and Secondary Education Act Conference</u>	Staff Assignment	<u>Principal</u>
Do not use acronyms			
Location of Conference:	<u>Denver, CO</u>	Dates Attended:	<u>2/9/26-2/13/26</u>

General Overview: Do not use acronyms

The National Elementary and Secondary Education Act Conference in Denver, CO was an incredible opportunity for educators to come together around a shared commitment, doing what's best for all of our students. This conference was focused on strengthening coordination among federal programs under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). The conference was about aligning our efforts, sharing strategies, and ensuring that every federal resource we receive is used effectively to support disadvantaged students and help them succeed.

This conference provided the chance to learn from nationally recognized education leaders while also connecting with colleagues from across the country who face many of the same challenges we do. Additionally, the networking opportunities sparked ideas and partnerships that will help us improve our practice. The conference was both inspiring and practical. I returned home energized, equipped, and even more committed to ensuring every student in our building has the opportunity to thrive.

How will this impact student learning in a positive way?

From the opening keynote with Ashlie Crosson to Doing What's Best for Students...Walking the Talk!, I was reminded that our work must always begin and end with students. These sessions challenged me to reflect on how our decisions show up in classrooms every day. Leading with Urgency and Step Back to Move Forward gave me practical ways to keep our school improvement efforts focused and intentional, especially in how we use Title I funds to directly support students who need us most. I walked away thinking not just about compliance, but about impact.

What resonated just as deeply were the sessions centered on culture and connection. Safety Over Everything reinforced that students can't learn at high levels unless they feel safe and supported. Cultivating a Rural School Community reminded me of the power of relationships, with students, families, and our broader community in driving student achievement. The session on using AI to strengthen attendance communication provided ideas for reaching families more proactively and personally. From Burnout to Balance was an important reminder that taking care of our staff ultimately benefits our students.

How will I implement what I learned and how will I share

this information with my colleagues?

One of the biggest things I brought back from the conference wasn't just ideas, it was clarity. It helped me step back and really think about what matters most and where we can make the greatest impact. Moving forward, I want to take a closer look at how we're using our Title I funds and make sure every dollar is directly connected to student learning and support. I'm also excited about strengthening how we communicate with families around attendance, especially using some of the AI tools that were shared. The sessions on safety and school improvement really reinforced that we don't need to do everything at once, we need to choose the right priorities and pursue them with focus and consistency.

When it comes to sharing this with my staff, I plan to share a few key takeaways during our collaboration time, especially around student-centered decision-making, building strong relationships, and supporting one another so we can better support kids. With my leadership team, I plan to dig a little deeper and talk through how these ideas actually fit our school and our students. My hope is that this sparks dialogue, fresh thinking, and maybe even a little renewed energy. At the end of the day, if what I learned helps us feel more connected, more focused, and more intentional in our work, then it will absolutely translate into better outcomes for our students.

Other Comments:

I just want to thank the LCSD School Board for approving me to attend this conference. I learned a lot from both the sessions and the chance to network with my colleagues.



Site Principal/Supervisor Approval



Deputy Superintendent Approval

2/13/26

Date

2-17-26

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