

# 2026 Wisconsin State Education Convention

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Tuesday, January 20, 1:30 PM



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## Beyond the Score: Equipping School Boards to Use Data for Informed Decision-Making

Room: 203 C/D



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## Our Students, Our Future: Empowering Boards and Superintendents With Governance

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## School Finance Puzzle

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## The Women of WAS-: A Deep Dive Into the 4 Cs

Room: 202 D/E

Tuesday, January 20, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM



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## Pre-Delegate Assembly Discussion

Room: Crystal Ballroom, Hilton Milwaukee City Center

Wednesday, January 21, 8:00 AM



## **AI in the Classroom: Ethical Frontiers and Practical Implications**

Room: 101 D/E



## **Building a Culture of Transparency Through Data**

Room: 101 C



## **Building a Data-Informed Student-Driven District**

Room: 202 D/E



## **Empowered Communities, Kindergarten-Ready Kids**

Room: 203 C/D



## **Empowering School Communities: Stakeholder-Driven Strategic Planning**

Room: 101 A/B



## **Harnessing Data's Power for Teacher Planning and Student Learning Outcomes**

Room: 103 A/B



## **Keeping Schools Safe: School Safety Submission Requirements**

Room: 201 D/E



## **Moving a Strategic Plan to Strategic Action**

Room: 102 D/E



## **Staff-Led Mentorship for Retention and Growth**

Room: 202 C



## **Strategic Teacher Compensation: Aligning Pay With Priorities**

Room: 102 C



## **Student Discipline: Legally Compliant Expulsions**

Room: 103 C/D



## **The Importance of a Highly Qualified Business Manager**

Room: 102 A/B

**Wednesday, January 21, 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM**



## **Pay Your Staff, Not the Insurance Company**

Room: 202 A/B

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**Dedicated Exhibit Hall Time**  
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**Exhibit Hall Breakfast**  
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**School Fair**  
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**Opening General Session**  
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**10 Critical Insights to Ensuring Successful Facility Projects**  
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**A Long-Term Plan for Operational and Facilities Efficiency**  
Room: 201 D/E

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**A Year of Community: Increasing Engagement While Celebrating Our Supporters**

Room: 103 A/B



### **Building a District-Wide STEAM Program That Works**

Room: 202 C



### **Fast Track to Leadership: Elevating New Board Members From Day 1**

Room: 102 C



### **From Vision to Impact: Reimagining School Board Leadership for the Future**

Room: 101 A/B



### **Listening as Leadership: Elevating Voices Through Superintendent Advisory Councils**

Room: 102 D/E



### **More Than Buzz: Using AI to Achieve Real Change**

Room: 101 D/E



### **Strengthening Board Policies: A Hands-On Approach to Updates and Maintenance**

Room: 101 C



### **The State of School Finance**

Room: 103 C/D



### **Title IX and DEI in the Courts: Navigating Federal Court Interpretations**

Room: 202 D/E



### **Who's Telling Your Story? Real Strategies for Real Connection**

Room: 202 A/B



### **Winning Hearts and Votes: A Playbook for Research-Based School Referendum Success**

Room: 102 A/B

Wednesday, January 21, 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM



### **2026 WASB Delegate Assembly**

Room: Ballroom A/B

Wednesday, January 21, 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM



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## **Dedicated Exhibit Hall Time**

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## **Academic Accountability and Progress Monitoring**

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## **Access to Public Records & Personnel Files**

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## **Aftermath! Preparing and Managing a Severe Storm at Your School**

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## **'But We Don't Teach Agriculture in Our District'**

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## **Calling All New Board Members: Building Connections and Knowledge**

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## **Change-Ready, Resilient Schools**

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## **Elevating Partnerships via CTE, YA, ACP and Learner Profiles**

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## **New Teacher Compensation Model: From Collaboration, Information and Process to Implementation**

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## **Right-Sizing District Facilities for Declining Enrollment**

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## **The 30,000-Foot View: 4 Leadership Questions to Focus on What Matters**

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## **The Board's Role in Financial Oversight**

Room: 203 C/D



## **The Price of Parallel Systems: How Policy Shapes Three K-12 Education Systems**

Room: 102 A/B

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## **Networking Reception**

Room: Crystal Ballroom, Hilton Milwaukee City Center

Thursday, January 22, 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM



## **WASB Breakfast**

Room: Crystal Ballroom, Hilton Milwaukee City Center

Thursday, January 22, 8:45 AM



## **Calling All Board Presidents and Aspiring Leaders**

Room: 202 D/E



## **Empowering Student-Led Green Teams**

Room: 102 A/B



## **Energizing Engagement: Strategies to Inspire and Retain School Staff**

Room: 201 D/E



## **Improving Literacy Through School-Community Partnerships**

Room: 201 C



## **Learning Places Matter: The Third Educator in the Room**

Room: 101 D/E



## **Leveraging Staff Members as Instructional Coaches**

Room: 101 C



## **NIL and Student-Athletes: Impacts of the WIAA Rule and More**

Room: 102 C



## **Passing a Referendum in a Politically Divided Community**

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## **Same Storm, Different Boats: The Importance of Coaching School Principals**

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## **Student Success Starts With Board Strategy**

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## **Using Social Media to Build Trust and Advance Strategic Goals**

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## **WASB Legislative Update**

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## **Why Every District Needs a Technology Leader at the Cabinet Level**

Room: 202 A/B

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## **Finance 101: What Board Members Need to Know**

Room: 103 C/D

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## **Education Tour: Hayes Bilingual School**

Room: Ground floor doors between Ballrooms A/B and C/D

Thursday, January 22, 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM



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## **Dedicated Exhibit Hall Time**

Room: Exhibit Hall

Thursday, January 22, 9:45 AM - 1:45 PM



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## **School Fair**

Room: Exhibit Hall

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### **Against the Odds: 'How One Rural School Ranks Among the Best'**

Room: 102 D/E



### **Breaking the Language Barrier**

Room: 102 C



### **Building Safe Havens: Improved School Security in Rural Communities**

Room: 102 A/B



### **Creative Funding, Early Planning & Smart Partnerships: A Real-World Approach to School Facility Success**

Room: 201 D/E



### **Developing a Community-Advised SRO Program**

Room: 101 A/B



### **New Developments in School Law**

Room: 203 C/D



### **Referendum Approval Through Community Engagement**

Room: 201 C



### **Rooted in Referendum Results**

Room: 101 C



### **Share Your Story! The Why, What and How of Hosting a Legislative Day**

Room: 103 A/B



### **Stronger Together: Addressing Mental Health Needs Through Community Connections**

Room: 202 D/E



### **Sustaining Momentum: Community-Led Planning for Rural Resilience**

Room: 101 D/E



### **Tackling the Attendance Crisis: Governance, Legal Duties and Best Practices**

Room: 201 A/B





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## **Take Action: 5 Things You Can Do To Safeguard Against Cyber Threats**

**Room: 202 C**



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## **The New Era of Pharmacy Benefits**

**Room: 202 A/B**

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## **Dedicated Exhibit Hall Time**

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**Thursday, January 22, 12:00 PM**



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## **WASBO Luncheon (w/Business Manager of the Year)**

**Room: Empire Ballroom, Hilton Milwaukee City Center**



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## **WASDA Luncheon (w/Superintendent of the Year)**

**Room: Crystal Ballroom, Hilton Milwaukee City Center**

**Thursday, January 22, 1:45 PM**



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## **A Monthly Financial Scorecard For Your District**

**Room: 103 C/D**



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## **Automate to Elevate: Creating a Blueprint for AI Integration in Wisconsin Schools**

**Room: 102 C**



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## **Beyond School Walls: Building Thriving Community Learning Ecosystems**

**Room: 101 D/E**



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## **Beyond the Blueprint: Agile Facility Planning**

**Room: 202 A/B**



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## **Building Community Support for Tax Levy Transparency**

**Room: 101 A/B**



## **Federal Education Funding Update**

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## **Leadership in Focus: The New WASB Superintendent Evaluation Framework**

**Room: 201 D/E**



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## **Mastering the Art of School Finance Storytelling**

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## **One Vision, Many Voices: Concerts as Community Catalyst**

**Room: 201 D/E**



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## **Opening Doors: Connecting Students & Employers**

**Room: 202 C**



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## **Strategic Succession Planning: Building Sustainable Leadership for the Future**

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## **The Mauston Story: Third Time's A Charm**

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## **Tools for Transformation: Aligning, Engaging, and Achieving District Goals**

**Room: 101 C**

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## **Thursday General Session**

**Room: Ballroom C/D**

**Friday, January 23, 8:00 AM**



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## **Fuel for Learning: The Critical Role of School Lunches**

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## **If Walls Could Talk, What Would Your Students Say About Belonging?**

**Room: 101 D/E**



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## **Math That Moves the Needle for Student Outcomes**

Room: 102 A/B



### **Real Talk: Parent Focus Group Listening Sessions**

Room: 101 D/E



### **School Administrators Alliance 2026 Legislative Update**

Room: 103 C/D



### **The Kids Are Ahead of Us: Responsible Engagement with AI Tools**

Room: 103 A/B



### **Transgender Student Rights: Where Are We Now?**

Room: 101 C



### **X's and O's With the WIAA**

Room: 102 D/E

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### **Belonging in Action: How Student Voice Transformed Our Schools**

Room: 101 D/E



### **Debt 101: Understanding the Basics of Borrowing and Repayment**

Room: 102 D/E



### **Instructional Trends & Budget Bends: What's Coming Next**

Room: 103 C/D



### **It ALL Matters: Students With Disabilities' Academic Growth**

Room: 101 C



### **Launching Success: Funding and Operating On-Site Daycare**

Room: 102 C



### **Personal Financial Literacy & Wisconsin Act 60**

Room: 101 A/B



### **Smarter Systems: Leveraging AI for Teacher Evaluation and Curriculum Renewal**

Room: 103 A/B



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## Turning Mandates Into Momentum: Act 20 Without the Teacher Burnout

Room: 102 A/B

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## Closing General Session

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