JOIN US FOR ALL OUR SESSIONS

Each year the League calls on partners, supporters, League Members, consultants, and experts to bring the best of the current content to the Annual Conference. This call brings in between 100 and 200 proposals for workshops, trainings, and sessions. Some of these are sessions that our experts deliver across the state and around the country. Some sessions are the best practices honed from years and decades of experience.

The League narrows the field of in-person sessions down, then includes a select number of online sessions in addition to the in-person sessions and produces the 50+ sessions to be delivered over two days.

This year, all sessions will be recorded for future access by League Members to support and develop all our members including those who weren’t able to attend the conference.

Please join us in thanking all the presenters this year who are so graciously giving of their time, expertise, and dedication to Quality Schools for All.

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### Session 1 (View online list)

**00. General Session 1 | KEYNOTE**

*Tuesday, March 1, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. | LOCATION: Legacy Ballroom*

**01. A Roadmap for Engaging Parent Communities | Advocacy/Policy**

*Tuesday, March 1, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. | LOCATION: Cotton Creek 2*

PRESENTERS: **Tillie Elvrum**, Founder/Board President, Parent Support for Online Learning/Colorado Coalition of Cyberschool Families | **Madeleine Bendalin**, Coalition Manager, Colorado Coalition of Cyberschool Families

**02. Crowdfunding for Change | Hot Topics**

*Tuesday, March 1, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. | LOCATION: Cotton Creek 1*

PRESENTERS: **Kaye Taavialma**, PK-12 Charter & District Division Lead, Make Philanthropy Work | **Matt Wasserman**, Principal & Founder, Make Philanthropy Work | **Lauren Ferrara**, Director of Development & Marketing, Mountain Song Community School

**03. Exploring the Benefits of Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) Investing | Funding/Finance**

*Tuesday, March 1, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. | LOCATION: Standley Ballroom 1*

PRESENTER: **Megan Johnson**, DA Davidson

**04. From Whole-Child to Whole-Human: Creating Equity, Inclusion, Wellness & Safe Spaces for All | School Leadership**

*Tuesday, March 1, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m | LOCATION: Standley Ballroom 2*

PRESENTERS: **Sharon Collins**, Executive Director, Westgate Community School | **Amanda Novak**, Assistant Principal (HS), Westgate Community School
05. Funding, Expanding, or Replicating Charter School Startup through Colorado Charter School Program Grant | New School Development Tuesday, March 1, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. | LOCATION: Windsor | PRESENTERS: Peg McMillen, Charter School Program Grant Supervisor, CDE | Tanesha Bell, Subgrant Monitor, CDE

06. Leading for All Scholars: Compliance Done Authentically | Exceptional Students Tuesday, March 1, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. | LOCATION: Waverly | PRESENTERS: Aqua Stovall, CEO, SELF | Shannon Garfield, Chief Program Officer, SELF

07. Student Engagement: Is It More Than Raising Hands? | Engagement Tuesday, March 1, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. | LOCATION: Meadowbrook 1 | PRESENTER: Kaci Coats, Colorado League of Charter Schools

08. The Great Resignation and Beyond: How YOU Can Shape What Comes Next | HR/DEI Tuesday, March 1, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. | LOCATION: Meadowbrook 2 | PRESENTERS: Trina Maull, Director of HR & Talent Services, Colorado League of Charter Schools

09. Decoding your Financials: What you don’t know CAN hurt you | Funding/Finance Tuesday, March 1, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | LOCATION: Standley Ballroom 1 | PRESENTER: Amanda Karger, Owner, Paragon Financial Services

10. Identification & Programming Support for Multi-Language Learners | Exceptional Students Tuesday, March 1, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | LOCATION: Waverly | PRESENTERS: Cecilia Quintanilla, Educator Monarch Montessori, Gifted/Talented Charter School Coordinator | Alesandra Rodriguez, GT Coordinator and Elementary Lead Teacher, Monarch Montessori | Dr. Vanessa Ewing, GT Charter School Coordinator, DPS | Chelsea Chappell-Cox, Gifted/Talented Teacher and Middle School Literacy Teacher

11. Supporting School Founders & Leaders of Color | Hot Topics Tuesday, March 1, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | LOCATION: Cotton Creek I | PRESENTERS: Kat Ling, Interim CEO, Moonshot edVentures | Sasha Green, Program & Ops Manager, Moonshot edVentures | VJ Brown, Program Manager, Moonshot edVentures


13. Unlocking Your Inner Entrepreneur to Overcome Everyday Obstacles | Online Tuesday, March 1, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | LOCATION: http://us02web.zoom.us/j/84248667485 | PRESENTER: Anna Leer, Vice President of YouthBiz, Young Americans Center for Financial Education

14. Using Data for Effective Leadership & Decision-making | School Leadership Tuesday, March 1, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | LOCATION: Standley Ballroom 2 | PRESENTERS: Dan Jorgensen, Accountability Support Manager, CDE | Erin Loften, Supervisor, School Improvement & Planning

54. Research & Preliminary Outcomes: $1.5M IDLEA Student Engagement Project | Engagement Tuesday, March 1 | 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM | LOCATION: Meadowbrook | PRESENTERS: Chelsea Henkel, Evaluator, APEX Evaluation | Catherine Bornhorst, CEO, Born Ingenuity
15. **Ensuring Equitable Access for Students with Disabilities through Understanding & Consensus**  
**Advocacy/Policy**  
Tuesday, March 1, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Cotton Creek 2  
**PRESENTERS:** Mary Anne Fleury, Ph.D., Alternative Dispute Resolution Specialist, Colorado Department of Education  
Katherine Rains, J.D.

16. **Leading Inclusively: A Generational Perspective**  
**HR/DEI**  
Tuesday, March 1, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Meadowbrook 2  
**PRESENTER:** Trina Maull, Director of HR & Talent Services, Colorado League of Charter Schools

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**Session 3** *(View online list)*

17. **2022 Legislative Update**  
**Advocacy/Policy/Organizing**  
Tuesday, March 1, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Cotton Creek 2  
**PRESENTER:** Angelina Sandoval, Director of State and Local Affairs, CLCS Action

18. **2022 Title IX Update: What School Leaders Need to Know**  
**HR/DEI**  
Tuesday, March 1, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Meadowbrook 2  
**PRESENTER:** Karin Ranta-Curran, JD, Director of Title IX Services, Employment Matters/Flynn Investigation Group

19. **Are you Running your School or Is it Running You?**  
**Funding/Finance**  
Tuesday, March 1, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Standley Ballroom 1  
**PRESENTERS:** Katrina Brossia, Financial Consultant, AXIS International Academy  
Kari Anne Calarco, Co-Founder and Head of School, AXIS International Academy  
Jon Thompson, Director, AXIS International Academy  
Jenny Whitaker, Finance and Operations Manager, AXIS International Academy

21. **How to Avoid Pitfalls in the First Five Years**  
**New School Development**  
Tuesday, March 1, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Windsor  
**PRESENTER:** Natalia Miller-Forrest, Heritage Heights Academy

22. **Monitoring & Maintaining Positive Staff Morale**  
**School Leadership**  
Tuesday, March 1, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Standley Ballroom 2  
**PRESENTERS:** Dr. Leanne Weyman, Regional Vice President of Charter Schools, ACCEL Schools  
Mrs. Katie Hoffman, Teacher, STEM School Highlands Ranch

23. **Reaching All Learners: Literacy & Language Development for ELL**  
**Exceptional Students**  
Tuesday, March 1, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Waverly  
**PRESENTER:** Anne Gamlin, 7th Grade Reading Teacher and English Language Development Coordinator, Roots and Wings Consulting

24. **Reflections on a Year Focusing on Diverse Student Engagement**  
**Engagement**  
Tuesday, March 1, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Meadowbrook 1  
**PRESENTERS:** Kaci Coats, Executive Director of the Collaborative for Exceptional Education, Colorado League of Charter Schools  
Cullen McDowell, Executive Principal, Rocky Mountain Classical Academy  
Cait Eggleston, SPED Department Chair, Global Village Academy  
Emily Murphy, Instructional Coach, Pagosa Peak Open School  
Jen Mac, Teacher, Steamboat Montessori

25. **Transgender Students & Employees: Legal Rights & Responsibilities**  
**Hot Topics**  
Tuesday, March 1, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Cotton Creek 1  
**PRESENTERS:** Eric Hall, Attorney, Sparks Willson, P.C.  
Julie Petersen, Attorney, Sparks Willson, P.C.
26. General Session 2 | ED TALKS
Tuesday, March 1, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. | LOCATION: Legacy Ballroom
PRESENTERS: State Senator Barbara Kirkmeyer (R) will join us from District 23 (Broomfield, Larimer, and Weld counties) | U.S. Senator Michael Bennet | Additional Special Guest

Session 4 (View online list)

27. A Closer Look at CDE’s Blended Learning Initiative | Hot Topics
Wednesday, March 2, 8:15 - 9:15 a.m. | LOCATION: Cotton Creek I
PRESENTERS: Bill Kottenstette, Executive Director of the Schools of Choice Unit, Colorado Department of Education | Renee Martinez, Principal Consultant, Online and Blended Learning Office, CDE | Rachel Matson, Online and Blended Learning Office, CDE

28. Build an Integrated Marketing Plan that Works | Marketing
Wednesday, March 2, 8:15 - 9:15 a.m. | LOCATION: Cotton Creek 2
PRESENTER: Patricia Kelly, Marketing Director, Prospect Ridge Academy

29. Colorado Employment Law: Four Changes to Know Now | HR/DEI
Wednesday, March 2, 8:15 - 9:15 a.m. | LOCATION: Meadowbrook 2
PRESENTERS: Tim Farmer, Attorney, Miller Farmer Law | Bryce Carlson, Attorney, Miller Farmer Law | Brad Miller, Attorney, Miller Farmer Law | Josh Miller, Attorney, Miller Farmer Law

Wednesday, March 2, 8:15 - 9:15 a.m. | LOCATION: Windsor
PRESENTER: Dr. Tom Miller, CEO & Charter School Strategist, Leaders Building Leaders

31. How to Write Grant Proposals that Get Funded | Online
Wednesday, March 2, 8:15 - 9:15 a.m. | LOCATION: Virtual
Url: http://us02web.zoom.us/j/87834581469 | PRESENTER: Annette Sloan, Grant Writer

32. Persistence, Patience & Providence: Waiting for the Right Thing (Even When You Don’t Want To) | Operations/Facilities
Wednesday, March 2, 8:15 - 9:15 a.m. | LOCATION: Standley Ballroom 1
PRESENTERS: Craig Horton, Executive Director, Academica Colorado | Stephanie Podtburg, Board Chair, CIVICA Academy | Sheena McOuat, Principal, CIVICA Academy

33. Personalizing Learning & Support for Special Populations | Creating Access
Wednesday, March 2, 8:15 - 9:15 a.m. | LOCATION: Waverly
PRESENTERS: Donna Trujillo, VP of Tiered Services & Special Populations, Generation Schools Network | Desirae Seter, Executive Director of Personalized Learning, HOPE Online Learning Academy

20. Compassion Fatigue, Burnout, and Stress: Real-Life Strategies to Increase Resiliency | Innovative Instruction
Wednesday, March 2, 8:15 - 9:15 a.m. | LOCATION: Standley Ballroom 2
PRESENTER: Kari Knutson, Professional Speaker and Therapist, Knutson Speaks
35. ESSER: Strategy and Sustainability through the Fiscal Wave  
Wednesday, March 2, 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM  
LOCATION: Meadowbrook 1  
PRESENTER: Hillary Knudson, Director K-12 Strategy, Whiteboard Advisors

36. General Session 3  |  KEYNOTE  
Wednesday, March 2, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
LOCATION: Legacy Ballroom  
PRESENTER: Ulcca Joshi Hansen, Chief Program Officer at Grantmakers for Education

Session 5  (View online list)

47. A Recipe for Better School Meals  |  Hot Topics  
Wednesday, March 2, 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.  
LOCATION: Meadowbrook 1  
PRESENTER: Patricia Kelly, Marketing Director, Prospect Ridge Academy

37. Enhancing Employee Attraction & Retention  |  Hot Topics  
Wednesday, March 2, 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.  
LOCATION: Cotton Creek 1  
PRESENTER: Gary Clark, Senior Vice President, HUB International

38. Increasing Equity with Culturally Responsive Teaching  |  Creating Access  
Wednesday, March 2, 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.  
LOCATION: Waverly  
PRESENTER: Shineth Cunanan-Gonzales, President, Colorado Global School

39. Mapping a Path from Pandemic Weeds to Governance Trees  |  Board Governance  
Wednesday, March 2, 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.  
LOCATION: Windsor  
PRESENTERS: Jen Dauzvardis, Communications Director, Peak to Peak Charter School  
John Brendza, Executive Leadership Consultant, Education & Nonprofit Leadership Consultants Ltd.

40. Marketing: Taking Your School to the Next Level  |  Marketing  
Wednesday, March 2, 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.  
LOCATION: Cotton Creek 2  
PRESENTER: Jen Larson, Hive Digital

41. Strengths-Based Leadership: Increasing School Culture & Staff Retention  |  Online  
Wednesday, March 2, 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.  
LOCATION: Virtual  
URL: http://us02web.zoom.us/j/86956314841  
PRESENTERS: Don Knapp, Executive Director, Pikes Peak School of Expeditionary Learning  
Brian Barbera, Assistant Principal, Pikes Peak School of Expeditionary Learning

42. How Diverse is Your World: Global Beads  |  HR/DEI  
Wednesday, March 2, 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
LOCATION: Meadowbrook 2  
PRESENTER: Trina Maull, Director of HR & Talent Services, Colorado League of Charter Schools

43. Turning One-Time ESSER Funds Into Sustainable, Long-Term Budget Relief  |  Operations/Facilities  
Wednesday, March 2, 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
LOCATION: Standley Ballroom 1  
PRESENTER: Kate Sipla, Energy Solutions Rep, ABM

44. Using a House System & 5-Star Students to Create Positive School Culture  
|  Innovative Instruction  
Wednesday, March 2, 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
LOCATION: Standley Ballroom 2  
PRESENTER: Adam DiGiacomo, High School Principal, Prospect Ridge Academy

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45. General Session 4 | MEMBER FORUM
Wednesday, March 2, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. | LOCATION: Legacy Ballroom
PRESENTER: Dan Schaller, President, Colorado League of Charter Schools

Session 6 (View online list)

46. Practical Ways for Challenging Gifted & High Ability Learners | Creating Access
Wednesday, March 2, 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. | LOCATION: Waverly
PRESENTER: Nikki Myers, Academy Director, Academy for Advanced and Creative Learning

48. Beyond the Textbook: Applying Content Through Community-Based Projects | Innovative Instruction
Wednesday, March 2, 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. | LOCATION: Standley Ballroom 2
PRESENTER: Mary Kathryn Wood, AP and on-grade level Human Geography teacher, Peak to Peak Charter School

49. Bringing Your Board Along on the DEI Journey | Board Governance
Wednesday, March 2, 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. | LOCATION: Windsor
PRESENTERS: Chris Ferris, Executive Director and Consultant, Highline Academy
Alesha Arscott, Consultant, Unleashed Consulting

50. Cash is King | Operations/Facilities
Wednesday, March 2, 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. | LOCATION: Standley Ballroom 1
PRESENTERS: Melissa Miavez, Controller & School Fiscal Officer, Tatonka Education Services
Tim Kauffman, Management Advisor, CSAFE

51. Enrollment Excellence for ALL | Marketing/Communications
Wednesday, March 2, 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. | LOCATION: Cotton Creek 2
PRESENTER: Samantha Hansen, New Program Director, Tatonka Education Services

52. Solutions to Ease Your Job & Improve Employees’ Financial Health | Hot Topics
Wednesday, March 2, 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. | LOCATION: Meadowbrook 1
PRESENTER: David Allen, President, Cherry Creek Educators, Inc., The Horace Mann Companies

53. Shovel the Pile When It’s Small | HR/DEI
Wednesday, March 2, 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. | LOCATION: Meadowbrook 2
PRESENTER: Dr. Tom Miller, Shovel the Pile When it is Small, Leaders Building Leaders

GRID GAME IN THE EXHIBIT HALL
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