# 2018 Leadership Summit

## 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

### General Session – Colorado Gubernatorial Candidate Conversation

**Education Discussion**

Moderator: Jim Clarke, AP Regional Director  
U.S. Congressman Jared Polis  
State Treasurer Walker Stapleton  

With Governor Hickenlooper’s term in office coming to an end, Coloradans head to the polls this November to select their first new governor in eight years. What will this mean for education? What will this mean for charter schools? Attend this session to hear from the two gubernatorial candidates as they share their plans for strengthening education in Colorado.

## 9:45 AM – 10:45 AM

### Finding Your Site: Starting Down the Road to Facility Acquisition

**Facilities & Financing**

Carleen Clark, Attorney, The Law Offices of Carleen Clark, LLC  
Anna Fitzer, Regional Program Manager, CDE Capital Construction  

Attend this session to learn who the key players are in the process of securing a facility. Learn how to negotiate an effective lease. Understand the participants in the process and timeline for securing a facility and a BEST Grant.

### Regulation Round-Up: Updates from CDE on Recent Regulatory Developments

**Policy**

Jennifer Okes, Chief Operating Officer, School Finance Division, CDE  
Jennifer Simons, Educator Development Specialist, Educator Preparation and Support Office, CDE  
Dan Jorgensen, Ph.D., Accountability Support Manager, CDE  

Wondering what recent laws and regulations you should be up to date on? Never feel like you have enough time to sift through all those email updates polluting your inbox? Attend this session for a quick rundown of some of the most recent regulatory developments with potential impacts on you and your school.

## 9:45 AM – 11:45 AM

### Strategic Planning and Improving the Boards Efficiency – A Simple Formula

**Governance**

John Brendza, CLCS Consultant; Former Superintendent, Education & Non-Profit Leadership Consultants Ltd.  

This session will provide board members and school leaders the opportunity to develop a foundational understanding of how to develop, implement and monitor a strategic planning process. The goal is to assist boards to focus on annual and long-term strategic priorities and governance responsibilities to position the school for future success.

## 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

### Policy Prospects and Priorities

**Policy**

Dan Schaller; VP of State and Local Policy, Colorado League of Charter Schools  
Kayla Tibbals, Partner, Nexus Policy Group  
Patrick Boyle, Partner, Nexus Policy Group  

Our annual policy priorities are grounded in suggestions from our members. As we get ready to head into the 2019 legislative session, we want to hear from you. Attend this session to make your voice heard on pressing issues confronting your school and to better understand the political and policy landscape moving into 2019.

### Panel Discussion: Determining the Right Financing for your School

**Facilities & Financing**

Paul Jasin, Managing Director, Specialized Public Finance  
Matthew DeAngelis, SVP, D.A. Davidson & Co.  
Conrad Freeman, SVP, Vectra Bank Colorado  
Jon Dahlberg, VP Of Business Development and Facilities, Charter School Capital  
Jane Ellis, Executive Director, CO Charter Facility Solutions  
Laura Fiemann, SVP, Charter School Development Corporation  

Listen to a panel of six experts in the financing field who will discuss many of the available financing options and what factors can make or break your project.

## 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM

### Lunch and Networking
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### 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

**Colorado Public School Admissions and the Law**  
Policy  
Bill Bethke, Attorney, Kutz & Bethke LLC  
Brad Miller, Attorney/Founder, Miller Farmer Law, LLC  
This presentation will help schools navigate questions and concerns about the admission and enrollment of students amidst the complicated web of wait-list/lottery policies, authorizer expectations, district of residence, IEPs, prior student discipline, homelessness, immigration status, and other issues of either protected status or cause for denial of admission. Factors such as SPED service models (insured, hybrid, or self-administered) and district processes regarding out-of-district choice often complicate enrollment decisions. Presenters will offer general guidelines and provide tools to analyze specific scenarios.

**Authorizer Accountability: Charter School Rights Under the Law**  
Policy  
Tim Farmer, Attorney, Miller Farmer Law, LLC  
Lorna Beckett, Director of Research, Colorado League of Charter Schools  
Dan Schaller, VP of State and Local Policy, Colorado League of Charter Schools  
Charter schools are not without rights and recourse when it comes to managing relationships with their authorizers. Attend this session for a refresher on charter school rights under the law as well as discussion on current trends in district-charter practices across the state.

### 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

**Facilities Success Stories & Lessons Learned**  
Facilities & Financing  
Angie Stattman, Business Manager, Thomas MacLaren  
Bob Baldwin, President, QPD  
Attend this session for the inside scoop from two schools that went through recent, unique facilities transactions. These two case studies are instructive and interesting.

**Building a Strategic Board**  
Governance  
Jay Cerny, CLCS Board Vice-President, Former Principal  
This workshop will provide an introduction on how to behave and govern as a strategic board. The discussion will touch on ideas such as ‘How the board looks at who is serving on the board’ recruiting and training future board members, continuous professional development for the full board, and tips from a former principal & board member.

### 2:00 PM – 2:15 PM

**Break**

### 2:15 PM – 3:15 PM

**A+ Awards Ceremony**  
Dan Schaller, VP of State and Local Policy, Colorado League of Charter Schools  
**General Session – The Future of School Funding in Colorado**  
Dr. Walter C. Cooper, Superintendent of Schools, Cheyenne Mountain School District 12  
State Representative Alec Garnett (D-Denver), Chair - Colorado Legislative Interim Committee on School Finance; Member - Colorado House Education Committee  
State Representative Paul Lundeen (R-Monument), Member – Colorado Legislative Interim Committee on School Finance; Member – Colorado House Education Committee  
Lisa Weil, Executive Director – Great Education Colorado  
Facilitator: Dan Schaller, VP of State and Local Policy, Colorado League of Charter Schools  
From Amendment 73 to a Legislative Interim Committee on School Finance, there are a number of important conversations currently happening in Colorado related to the future of school funding. Where is this headed? What are the most likely outcomes? Attend this panel discussion to hear from representatives about these various initiatives and what they entail and how they may impact your school moving forward.

### 3:15 PM – 3:30 PM

**Conclusion**