Leadership Summit Sessions

Leadership Development

Charter School Leadership 101 - The Challenges and Opportunities
Leadership Development
John Brendza, League Consultant, Education & Non-Profit Leadership Consultants Ltd.

Charter school leaders come from a variety of backgrounds and experiences. Some are seasoned school leaders with a wealth of experience and drive. Others come from outside of education but have a deep passion for the mission of the schools they serve. Regardless of experience, charter school leaders often find the maze of public education to be challenging. This session will provide school leaders (both boards and heads of schools) with a comprehensive foundation of the system and what leadership elements are found in the most successful charter schools. Focus will be placed on how to realize the opportunities for success when leaders know what paths to pursue and which to avoid. Regardless of what level of experience you have as a charter school leader, we’ll explore new learnings and/or ways to think about how you approach leadership.

Leading Generations in the Workplace
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Trina Maull, Director of HR & Talent Services, Colorado League of Charter Schools

Today many of our school environments have four distinct generations: Baby Boomers, Generation X, Millennials and Generation Z. Do you know how to lead in this multigenerational environment? During this session, you will better understand the generations, what they want and strategies on leading them in the workplace.

Are you ready? Trends for 2020 Leadership
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Are you ready for the next evolution of leadership? Do you know the skills it takes to be a great leader? What are the current leadership trends? Attend this session to explore a roundtable discussion about trends for 2020 Leadership.
**Funding**

The Universe of Capital: Making Sense of Your Options or The Universe of Capital: What will work best for your Project?

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Patti Glock (Moderator), Director of Business Services, Colorado League of Charter Schools

Not all capital projects are created equally. In this session, attendees will learn about the many factors including the school’s long term strategic plan, project costs and capacity of the staff that influence which capital options are the right fit for your project.

**Fundraising: Bolster your School's Budget**

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Jason Embry, VP of Development, Colorado League of Charter Schools

The best way to ensure your school maximizes its fundraising effectiveness is to make sure that both school leadership and board members understand key roles and responsibilities — collaboratively, cooperatively and individually. This session will include an interactive discussion of the vital roles everyone plays resulting in fundraising success.

**Grants: Case Studies & Best Practices**

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Patti Glock (Moderator), Director of Business Services, Colorado League of Charter Schools

During this session, participants will listen to a case study to learn about best practices and how to leverage resources to maximize grant opportunities. In addition, specific technology and security grants will be discussed.

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**Educator Summit**

**Unequal Education for All: Unpacking Disproportionality and its Impact on Learners**

*Educator Summit*

Morgan Beidleman, League Consultant

Our interpretation of behavior has a direct impact on student outcomes. When we characterize student behavior as defiant/disruptive and shift the focus towards consequences we often perpetuate disproportionality. During this session, attendees will learn about the brain science of behavior, addressing unmet needs, and building students’ skills through schoolwide systems required for more fully engaging learners.

**Preparing for Freshman Year: Building Executive Functioning Skills Needed for High School**

*Educator Summit*

Meagan Gillcrist, League Consultant

All educators have heard that students need Executive Functioning skills, but often times, teachers are left to figure out how and when to build these skills. This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of what Executive Functioning skills are and how to identify which skills scholars do and
Avoiding the Hidden Message: Maintaining High Expectations for our Diverse Learners  
*Educator Summit*  
Kaci Coats, Executive Director of The Collaborative for Exceptional Education, Colorado League of Charter School

Our students with diverse learning needs can easily receive the message that we don’t believe in their ability to meet high expectations. This can have a lifelong effect on their educational and postsecondary lives. This session will spotlight how to avoid sending this message, and instead focus on utilizing high expectations while providing the necessary support.

Implementing the Gold Standard of Project-Based Learning  
*Educator Summit*  
Stephanie Mendrala, Director of Professional Development, STEM School Highlands Ranch

Have you heard of PBL and wondered what it really is? Have you experimented with PBL and wondered if you are doing it “right?” Participants will interact with the seven elements of the Gold Standard of Project-Based Learning, as identified by the Buck Institute for Education. In this session, attendees will connect those with the look fors in student centered learning, and leave with the tools and mindset needed to successfully implement a classroom culture that promotes Problem-Based Learning.

Trauma: Understanding Its Impact on Learning and How Schools can be more Supportive  
*Educator Summit*  
Morgan Beidleman, League Consultant

It has been found that ongoing stress or involvement in traumatic events can have significant implications on the brain's makeup. These changes to the brain can lead to difficulties in a student's ability to manage emotions in the school setting. During this session, participants will gain a deep understanding of the way trauma impacts the brain and how best to prevent and de-escalate the behaviors that are a result of these changes.

Keep Calm and Thrive: Strategies to Reflect, Refresh & Reawaken!  
*Educator Summit*  
Taralyn Jensen, League Consultant

Keep Calm and Thrive is an interactive session in which participants will explore a range of ideas, practices, resources and tools to move from surviving to thriving. Attendees will 1.) identify personal approaches to enhance well-being, 2.) engage in small group mini-discussions, and 3.) pinpoint action steps for success. Moving from overwhelmed to optimistic allows educators to rediscover the joy of teaching, and have a positive impact on their healthy school community!

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**Policy**  
Coming soon

**Organizing**  
Coming soon