



2011 ASBSD AND SASD CONVENTION

CONVENTION BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Mass Customized Learning: Breaking the Barriers of Industrial Age Education

THURSDAY, AUG. 11, 10:30 – 11:20 | ROOMS 8+9+10

PRESENTER: DR. JULIE MATHIESEN, TIE DIRECTOR (JMATHIESEN@TIE.NET)

What if every day, every learner came to school and was met with customized learning activities at his or her precise developmental and achievement level? What if every day every learner was learning in one of her/his most effective learning modes? What if every day every learner was learning with content of interest to himself or herself? And what if every day every learner was challenged, successful, and left school eager to come back the next day? This is the vision of *Mass Customized Learning* (MCL). In this session, I'll share information about the concept of MCL and about the technologies that allow us to break down the barriers of time and space to create rich customized learning experiences for students.

Common Core Standards: What Do I Need to Know?

THURSDAY, AUG. 11, 10:30 – 11:20 | ROOMS 11+12

PRESENTER: BECKY NELSON, DOE (BECKY.NELSON@STATE.SD.US) | WILLIAM KLICHE, DOE

Get an overview of the Common Core Standards in South Dakota, as the state begins the process of systemic implementation within a learning environment rich in collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking. This session will help you understand what the new math and language arts standards look like, resources to aid in implementation and professional development opportunities to begin transitioning the standards into the classroom.

Fostering a positive school culture: The Native American Perspective

THURSDAY, AUG. 11, 11:30 – 12:20 | ROOMS 8+9+10

PRESENTER: ROGER CAMPBELL, INDIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR (ROGER.CAMPBELL@STATE.SD.US)

Native American students make up about 11 percent of South Dakota's public school population. As school leaders and educators, we need to be aware of the specific issues these students face and we need to create an environment where they feel welcome and engaged. Roger Campbell, who is the Director of the Office of Indian Education for the South Dakota Department of Education, will offer suggestions that schools can use to raise awareness in their school communities and to foster a positive school environment. Participants also will learn about statewide initiatives such as the GEAR UP and College Access Challenge Grants, which have the potential to positively affect college and career readiness among our Native American, and low-income, student populations.

Fast Forward

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PRESENTER: JOHN SWANSON, TIE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

In order to prepare students for their futures rather than their parents' past, schools need future focused leaders. Today's rapid rate of change, however, can make us feel like we are stuck on fast forward rushing toward an unknown destination. Informed by the work of futurist Gary Marx and others, this session will focus on observable ways the future is impacting us **now**.

Defining and Evaluating Good Teaching with Danielson Framework

THURSDAY, AUG. 11, 3:00 – 3:50 | ROOMS 8+9+10

PRESENTER: DR. MELODY SCHOPP, EDUCATION SECRETARY (MELODY.SCHOPP@STATE.SD.US)

What does good teaching look like, and how do we measure it? Dr. Melody Schopp, South Dakota's secretary of education, will offer an overview of the state's new teacher standards, which are based on Charlotte Danielson's framework for teaching. Participants will gain a greater understanding of how the standards are designed: as measures to enhance teaching professionals, rather than as a punitive tool. Schopp also will talk about a model evaluation tool for the Danielson framework and the plan for statewide implementation.



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Implementing PBL 2.0: How to Ensure Rigor with Project-based Learning

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PRESENTERS: SHANNON BUERK, ENGAGE! (SBUERKCONSULTING@YAHOO.COM) | LANCE WITTE, WESSINGTON SPRINGS SCHOOLS (LANCE.WITTE@K12.SD.US)

Project-based learning is becoming the preferred instructional model for engaging students. However, PBL varies widely from classroom to classroom. In fact, project-based learning can devolve to just projects. Come to this session to learn how to implement rigor and accountability checks and protocols for critique that ensure depth in learning and products.

Cost-effective Drop-out Prevention: How Hot Springs Makes It Work

THURSDAY, AUG. 11, 4:00 – 4:50 | ROOMS 8+9+10

PRESENTERS: CONNIE PHELPS, LAURIE MARCHANT AND SHERI COLEMAN, HOT SPRINGS (SHERI.COLEMAN@K12.SD.US)

A variety of research-based strategies will be presented that meet the needs of special education populations and students at-risk for dropping out. Most can be implemented at a minimal cost to the district. Strategy effectiveness is supported by data compiled on attendance, assessment, socioeconomic, and familial patterns for students K-12.

Mobile Devices – Ready or Not Here They Come

THURSDAY, AUG. 11, 4:00 – 4:50 | ROOMS 11+12

PRESENTER: SHERRY CROFUT, TIE (SCROFUT@TIE.NET)

The emergence of mobile technologies like smartphones, tablets, and e-book readers, are making a dramatic impact on education. Administrators, teachers, and school board members need to be aware of how these technologies impact classrooms as more and more students bring personal devices to school, as well as making informed decisions for future school purchases. This session is geared for both those with little experience using mobile technology and users who want to expand their knowledge about using mobile devices.

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Supporting your Staff: Establishing Professional Networks

FRIDAY, AUG. 12, 8:00 – 8:50 | ROOMS 11+12

PRESENTERS: LANETTE JOHNSTON, DOE (LANETTE.JOHNSTON@STATE.SD.US) | MARLENE ROTHERMEL, TIE

Looking for a user-friendly, cost-free method of supporting your staff? Welcome to the South Dakota Teacher to Teacher Support Network (TTSN). TTSN is a DOE/TIE partner program that fosters an online community of educators who work together to improve their instruction in the interest of enhanced student learning. Embedded in the network is a mentoring community that connects experienced, high-quality educators with initial year colleagues. This free, easy-to-use online learning environment will be a promising addition to your PD plan this year.

Past, Present and Future of State Assessments

FRIDAY, AUG. 12, 9:00 – 9:50 | ROOMS 8+9+10

PRESENTERS: GAY PICKNER, DOE (GAY.PICKNER@STATE.SD.US) | LINDA TURNER DOE (LINDA.TURNER@STATE.SD.US)

In this session, you will learn about the various consortiums that the South Dakota Department of Education has been, and will be involved in, related to our future large-scale assessments. Our team will discuss the Smarter BALANCE Consortium, which is currently assisting South Dakota and other states, in developing a "new" statewide assessment, along with the National Centers and State Collaborative, which will replace our current Dakota STEP-Alternate. Come learn what the future of statewide assessment will look like in the next few years.



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Filling Crucial Gaps in Curriculum Offerings

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PRESENTER: SANDY STUKEL AND SARA FRIDLEY, ESA 3 (SANDY.STUKEL@K12.SD.US)

Credit recovery, dual credit, career and technical ed courses, original credit courses in core content areas – all of your district's difficult-to-fill curriculum needs can be satisfied by the DIAL Virtual School. DIAL Virtual School uses Highly Qualified South Dakota teachers to provide a high quality, cost effective way of filling the gaps in curriculum that many districts face today. DIAL is an approved distance learning provider through the South Dakota Virtual School. Come learn how online courses can be a perfect option for your students.

Personal Learning Plans: High Quality Individual Learning Experiences

FRIDAY, AUG. 12, 10:00 – 10:50 | ROOMS 8+9+10

PRESENTERS: CHARLOTTE MOHLING, JASON KOLOUSEK AND LANCE WITTE, WESSINGTON SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT (LANCE.WITTE@K12.SD.US)

Now more than ever, there is an increasing demand for education that is customized to each student's unique needs. See how Wessington Springs Schools has developed and implemented Personal Learning Plans for each student incorporating student self-analysis, integrating academic requirements with personal interests and abilities allowing each student to reach their highest potential. It has become clear that one-size-fits-all teaching methods are neither effective nor acceptable for today's diverse students.

What School Leaders Should Know and Do About the Integral Link between School Health Programs and Student Achievement

FRIDAY, AUG. 12, 10:00 – 10:50 | ROOMS 11+12

PRESENTERS: KARI SENGER, COORDINATED SCHOOL HEALTH (KARI.SENGER@STATE.SD.US)

The emphasis on improving academic achievement may tempt school leaders to put health and safety issues on the back burner. But data on youth risk behaviors force a closer look at the link between health and learning. Research is corroborating that children who are healthy and feel safe learn better, and that investing in health and safety pays dividends in academic achievement, social responsibility and personal success. Explore correlations between health and student achievement, and learn about strategies and tools to strengthen your policies and programs that foster health and learning.

POLICY AND LEGAL

School Law Trends and Regulatory Changes

THURSDAY, AUG. 11, 10:30 – 12:20 | ROOMS 13+14 | Featured Break-out Session

PRESENTER: LISA SORONEN, NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (LSORONEN@NSBA.ORG)

The courts and federal agencies have been busy! This session will get you up to speed on legal and regulatory developments and help you understand the implications of new cases and regulations for your school district. The courts portion of this presentation will focus on new Supreme Court cases and lower court cases dealing with everything from student discipline to employment to religion. The federal regulations portion of this presentation will focus on recent guidance from the Office for Civil Rights and new and proposed regulations involving service animals, the Americans with Disabilities Act, FERPA, and more.

Tragedy Can Strike Anywhere: Be Prepared!

THURSDAY, AUG. 11, 3:00 – 3:50 | ROOMS 13+14 | Featured Break-out Session

PRESENTER: LINDA POOLE, KEITH LUTZ AND AMY FRIEDMAN, MILLARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS (KELUTZ@MPSOMAHA.ORG)

When a student opened fire in the administrative offices at Millard South High School, killing an assistant principal and eventually himself, and wounding the principal, residents in Millard and the entire City of Omaha felt shocked and deeply saddened. How could this happen here? Millard School District's comprehensive response helped the community come together to heal. School Board Vice President Linda Poole, Superintendent Keith Lutz, and Communications Director Amy Friedman will share the crisis management plan and lessons learned.



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Four Burning Questions: Open Meetings and Public Records

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PRESENTER: SUE SIMONS, SIOUX FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS (SUE.SIMONS@K12.SD.US)

After several updates to South Dakota's open meetings and public records laws, schools must maintain open meetings and accessible records while balancing the district's governance responsibilities. Sue Simons, Assistant Superintendent for HR and Legal Services for the Sioux Falls School District, will help participants learn about the four areas that generate the most questions: board subcommittees, board packets, executive session, and access to public records.

ESEA Reauthorization and Federal Education Policy

FRIDAY, AUG. 12, 8:00 – 9:50 | ROOMS 13+14 | Featured Break-out Session

PRESENTER: BRUCE HUNTER, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS (BHUNTER@AASA.ORG)

With the pending reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, it's a critical time for school leaders. Bruce Hunter, AASA Associate Executive Director of Public Policy, will explain developments on ESEA reauthorization and update members on other federal education policy priorities on the horizon.

Update on the S.D. Supreme Court Appeal

FRIDAY, AUG. 12, 10:00 – 10:50 | ROOMS 13+14

PRESENTERS: SCOTT ABDALLAH AND RON PARSONS (SABDALLAH@JHALAWFIRM.COM)

The session will provide an overview of the oral arguments made before the South Dakota Supreme Court in the ongoing case to determine whether the State is fulfilling its Constitutional obligation to properly fund K-12 education.

BOARD GOVERNANCE

Are You Smarter than A School Board President?

THURSDAY, AUG. 11, 10:30 – 11:20 | ROOMS 6+7

PRESENTERS: SUSAN HUMISTON, ASBSD PAST PRESIDENT (GENEHUMISTON@GWTC.NET)

Test your school board knowledge, learn board basics, and share a few laughs as you find out whether you are smarter than a board president. Sorry, there will be no million dollar prize or Jeff Foxworthy, but contestants will receive lovely parting gifts. Anyone interested in being a contestant should show up a few minutes early.

You're Elected, Now What?

THURSDAY, AUG. 11, 11:30 – 12:20 | ROOMS 6+7

PRESENTER: NEIL PUTNAM, ASBSD PRESIDENT (NEILPUTNAM@MITCHELLTEL.COM)

You've just been elected to the school board, and now you're expected to make decisions that impact not only your students, but your community and your state. Learn from 11-year board member and ASBSD President Neil Putnam about his personal experiences serving on the board. He'll talk about the pressing need for school board leadership and share some of his personal trials and triumphs while serving on the Mitchell School board.

The New Frontier in Education Policy

THURSDAY, AUG. 11, 3:00 – 4:50 | ROOMS 6+7 | Featured Break-out Session

PRESENTER: JOAN WODISKA, NATIONAL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION (JWODISKA@NGA.ORG)

Some economists have referred to this current economic period as the "new normal." Or, is it the wild, wild west? Or, is it somewhere in between? As the head lobbyist for the nation's governors, Mrs. Wodiska will explore trends in state education policy. Speaking from her first-hand experience as a local school board member, she will also discuss implications for local school board members. And, she may mix in a few South Dakota stories, yarns, or happy memories of her days in Washington, DC. A session not to be missed.



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Board Presidents' Institute

FRIDAY, AUG. 12, 8:00 – 10:50 | ROOMS 6+7

PRESENTER: JULIE ERTZ, ASBSD (JERTZ@ASBSD.ORG) |

This special session is devoted to the board presidents' unique leadership role. In addition to an overview of timely board leadership topics, the session provides a review of the nuts-and-bolts of serving as board chair. The three-hour session is designed for current board presidents and board vice-presidents, or anyone aspiring to move into the role of chairperson.

SCHOOL FINANCE

South Dakota Budget: Becoming Fluent in Legislative Budget Basics

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 10:30 – 11:20 | ROOM 3

PRESENTER: JOY SMOLNISKY, SOUTH DAKOTA BUDGET & POLICY PROJECT (JOYS@SDBUDGETANDPOLICYPROJECT.ORG)

The state budget is the ultimate policy document – it determines how much is spent on programs and services that affect the lives of all South Dakotans. By understanding the complete fiscal picture, school board members and administrators are better prepared to influence decisions about our tax system and spending priorities. This workshop examines the components of the state budget, the process by which it is created and some of the priorities and choices it reflects.

Budgeting Tips, Terms and Compliance

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 11:30 – 12:20 | ROOM 3

PRESENTER: DEENE DAYTON, LEGISLATIVE AUDIT (DEENE.DAYTON@STATE.SD.US)

The tighter that school district finances become, the more important it is to have a clear and defined budget. Each district needs to know where it is and where it is going. Which revenues are carved in stone and which ones will vary? How do you budget for supplies? What funds can computers or SDRS be paid from? These and more questions will be answered during this session on budgets.

2012 Ballot Initiatives

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 3:00 – 3:50 | ROOM 3

PRESETNER: BRIAN AUST, ASBSD (BAUST@ASBSD.ORG)

With one measure already qualified to head to the voters in November 2012 and other petitions being circulated, it's time to get a grasp of how these proposals will impact K-12 education. This session will cover the referral of HB 1230, an economic development initiative, and the potential initiated measure to restore the drastic cuts made to K-12 education during the 2011 legislative session.

Opt-out Forum

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 4:00 – 4:50 | ROOM 3

PRESETNERS: DR. JOE GERTSEMA, YANKTON (JGERTSEMA@YSD.K12.SD.US) | DR. MARK FROKE, VERMILLION (MARK.FROKE@K12.SD.US)

Facing historic cuts to the state budget, more school are turning to property tax payers to prevent massive cuts to staff and education programs. Hear how panelists led opt-out campaigns and learn from their insight and experience.

GAVEL Fiscal Responsibility

FRIDAY, AUG. 12, 8:00 – 10:50 | ROOM 3 | Featured Break-out Session

PRESENTER: BILL LYNCH, ASBSD (BLYNCH@ASBSD.ORG)

This three-hour workshop offers insight into school finance concepts, district budgets and internal control. Board members will also learn about the state aid formula, the various school funds and tax levies, the value of a stakeholder's report and the importance of developing and adopting budgets based upon district goals. Board members attending this session will get credit toward GAVEL Certification.



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HEALTH AND SAFETY

Digital Citizenship: Social Networking and Cyberbullying

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 10:30 – 11:20 | ROOM 2

PRESENTER: SHERRY CROFUT, TIE (SCROFUT@TIE.NET)

Cyberbullying continues to be a problem in these days of increased online presence by our students. We must become aware of social networking and provide guidance to students on how to become responsible citizens in a digital world. TIE recently produced *Digital Citizenship*, a video which explores this challenge. In this session I will highlight the video and offer strategies to help educate our students and parents about the issue.

Managing Today's Technology to Ensure 21st Century Learning

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 11:30 – 12:20 | ROOM 2

PRESENTER: TERRY STULKEN, COLMAN-EGAN (TERRY.STULKEN@K12.SD.US)

Schools are facing increased pressure to protect students from the harmful effects of bullying. Join in on this presentation to learn how one school district offers simple solutions to the complex problems of bullying, sexual harassment, sexting and cyberbullying.

Child Nutrition Reauthorization: What It Means for My District

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 3:00 – 3:50 | ROOM 2

PRESENTER: SANDRA KANGAS, CHILD AND ADULT NUTRITION SERVICES (SANDRA.KANGAS@STATE.SD.US)

Participants will learn about changes to federal child nutrition programs, as well as proposed meal pattern changes. The changes are a result of the passage of the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Participants will receive a checklist of changes to be made to review and assess in their district for implementation.

Concussion Prevention: The Role of Awareness Education

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 4:00 – 4:50 | ROOM 2

PRESENTERS: WAYNE CARNEY, SDHSAA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (WAYNE.CARNEY@SDHSAA.COM) | DR. MIKE BERGERON, DR VARLE VALENTINE AND TRYG ODNEY, SANFORD HEALTH.

With the passage of new legislation to protect student-athletes from the harmful effects of concussions, schools across the state will have new responsibilities. Join concussion experts to hear more about the danger of head injuries and hear how the South Dakota High School Activities Association is already helping schools adjust.

EMERGING ISSUES

Negotiating in Tough Times

PRESENTER: RODNEY FREEMAN, ATTORNEY (RFREEMAN.HURONLAW@MIDCONETWORK.COM)

FRIDAY, AUG. 12, 8:00 – 8:50 | ROOM 2

Historic cuts to education funding have focused more attention on collective bargaining at the local level. Join in on this session for a discussion about how financial circumstances can impact contract negotiations – learn the law, and practical strategies to navigate through what can be a challenging time or any school district.

Rise Above the Research Challenge with Online Resources

FRIDAY, AUG. 12, 9:00 – 9:50 | ROOM 2

PRESENTER: JANE HEALY, STATE LIBRARY (JANE.HEALY@STATE.SD.US)

Capitalize on research resources and use technology to help students reach proficiency with the South Dakota State Library's online electronic resources. The State Library provides free direct access to subscription online resources to all schools across the state. These standards-aligned, current, authoritative resources engage students in learning and assist staff in teaching. Attend this session and see how online magazines, practice exams and World Book encyclopedias can support your educational mission and your budget.



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Changes to State's Title I Program Designed to Assist Districts

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PRESENTER: DR. KRISTINE HARMS, STATE TITLE I DIRECTOR, DOE (KRISTINE.HARMS@STATE.SD.US)

Dr. Kristine Harms will present an overview concerning changes the Title I office will be implementing. Desk audits will be replaced with Regional Peer Reviews. Title I administrators will have the opportunity to meet and collaboratively go over school documents as a way to monitor the necessary Title I components. The Department of Education's philosophy of *Learning, Leadership, Service* will further be exhibited through monthly conference calls with districts. These teleconferences will cover current updates and discussion topics to help districts gather necessary Title I information. These and other current topics will be discussed during this informative session.

SPONSORED SESSIONS

Math In Focus

PRESENTER: JERI BALL, HMH SPECIALIZED CURRICULUM GROUP (JERI.BALL@HMHPUB.COM)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 10:30 – 11:20 | ROOM 1

Math in Focus is the authentic Singapore math pedagogy with fewer topics taught in greater depth at each grade level. Experience the key features of Singapore Math; visual representations and modeling strategies to solve complex problems, a consistent concrete-pictorial-abstract progression; and strong development of both conceptual understanding, place value, and computational fluency. This session showcase how teachers and students alike understand the "how" as well as the "why" of mathematical concepts.

Beyond Accessibility: A Higher Level of Inclusive Play

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 11:30 – 12:20 | ROOM 1

PRESENTER: BRYAN SYKORA, LANDSCAPE STRUCTURES INC (DAKOTA FENCE, MIKE@DAKOTAFENCE.COM)

This session will provide participants with an overview of the emerging awareness of a new population of children on the playground and how to design playgrounds that meet their unique needs. Attendees will learn more about the range of disabilities of playground participants and especially the rapidly growing incidence of children with autism and related spectrum disorders.

P-Cards: A best practice for schools of all sizes

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 3:00 – 3:50 | ROOM 1

PRESENTERS: DR. R. E. EVERETT, ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS (REVERETT@NIU.EDU) | OFFICIALS FROM SCHOOLS USING THE PROGRAM

The old way of processing accounts payable liabilities is out of date and very expensive. Technology is now available at no cost to schools that can produce \$50-100 per transaction savings on 60 percent of the non-payroll checks you write each month. In addition, significant rebates are also available. All that is needed is internet connection and the desire to be more efficient and effective in the way you pay your schools monthly bills.

Responsible use of technology resources in K12 Education

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 4:00 – 4:50 | ROOM 1

PRESENTERS: APEX TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS GROUP

This session will explore the perceptions of technology in K12 education. The topics discussed will empower school board members and school administrators with the knowledge needed to be aware of technology issues that could potentially cause issues in their district. With social networking, texting, and other forms of technology use becoming more prominent in daily life, school districts need to be prepared to face issues as they arise.



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BoardDocs: How to Efficiently and Effectively Conduct Board Business
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PRESENTER: BOARDDOCS

Be one of the first to learn about BoardDocs, a new paperless board meeting solution that will be offered through your school board association. See how this revolutionary program saves money and staff time by giving your board and administration a powerful new governance tool that will change the way you conduct board meetings and share information with the public.

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