Each year, Ohio’s public education leaders attend the OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show to find inspiration, innovations and insights and refresh their commitment to their students, schools and communities.

This year will be no different, as the virtual experience will offer boundless opportunities to acquire new knowledge, learn new strategies and build upon your leadership skills — all from the comfort of your home or office.

The agenda is filled with an impressive array of topics and will include two General Sessions, more than 60 learning sessions, cutting-edge vendor exhibits, student performances, a student art show, networking opportunities and much more.

No matter your role, the conference is sure to renew and refresh you and elevate your skills to the next level. Embrace the conference philosophy of leadership for learning and register today for this exciting professional development opportunity.

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Learn on your schedule at the virtual OSBA Capital Conference!

You aren’t be limited to the schedule of events during the 2020 Capital Conference and Trade Show. Although the conference’s two General Sessions will be live, all other content may be viewed on-demand at any time through Dec. 31, 2020. Join the conference for live networking for a few hours or the full day, then return to the offerings at any time to explore the conference at your convenience. All board members or district staff registered for the conference will also have access to the Trade Show, Student Achievement Fair and Student Performing Arts through Dec. 31.
Conference schedule

Saturday, Nov. 7
1 p.m.-5 p.m.  OSBA Help Desk open to assist attendees; OSBA staff available for questions and consultations in the OSBA Pavilion
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.  Spotlight Session — OSBA Legislative Update

Sunday, Nov. 8
1 p.m.-2 p.m.  Opening General Session with keynote speaker Kai Kight
1 p.m.-5 p.m.  OSBA Help Desk open to assist attendees; OSBA staff available for questions and consultations in the OSBA Pavilion
2:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m.  Concurrent learning sessions
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.  Spotlight Session — Advocating for a new Ohio report card
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.  Concurrent learning sessions
All day  Trade Show exhibits and Student Achievement Fair and Student Performing Arts open

Monday, Nov. 9
8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  OSBA Help Desk open to assist attendees
8:30 a.m.-9 a.m.  Morning yoga
9:30 a.m.-10 a.m.  Morning coffee chat
10 a.m.-4 p.m.  Trade Show exhibitors available for live chats; exhibits open all day
10 a.m.-5 p.m.  OSBA Pavilion open; OSBA staff available for consultations and questions
11 a.m.-noon  Concurrent learning sessions
11 a.m.-noon  Networking sessions and Exhibitor Express Talks
11 a.m.-noon  Is ignorance bliss? Drug testing in 2020
11 a.m.-noon  Linking students to career pathways
11 a.m.-noon  Poverty isn’t always financial
11 a.m.-noon  The impact of trauma on student learning
Noon-1 p.m.  Lunch and Trade Show visits

Participate in the same high-quality learning sessions and networking events you’ve come to expect from the Capital Conference while meeting with exhibitors who can improve efficiencies in your district and connecting with your peers — all from the comfort of your home or office. Register today!
Monday Town Hall
Monday at 1 p.m.
Kate Fagan
New York Times
best-selling author, writer and podcast host

1 p.m.-2 p.m. Monday Town Hall with keynote speaker and author Kate Fagan

2:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m. Concurrent learning sessions
  • A strong foundation begins in preschool
  • Addressing employee absenteeism
  • Comparing myths of urban and rural poverty
  • Essential policies for 2021

  • Leading your leaders
  • Peer collaboration changes school climate
  • Results on the ballot and at the bank
  • What to expect in a PERRP enforcement investigation

2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Spotlight Session — Systemic oppression — effects on policy

3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Concurrent learning sessions
  • A closer look at Title IX
  • Choosing a benefit enrollment platform
  • Educators + ISTE = 21st century learning
  • How school social workers benefit your district

  • Implementing FMLA in public schools
  • Let your i’s guide family engagement
  • Managing student behaviors
  • School transportation in the new normal

All day Student Achievement Fair and Student Performing Arts open

Tuesday, Nov. 10

8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. OSBA Help Desk open to assist attendees
10 a.m.-4 p.m. Trade Show exhibitors available for live chats; exhibits open all day
10 a.m.-5 p.m. OSBA Pavilion open; OSBA staff available for consultations and questions
10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Networking sessions and Exhibitor Express Talks

11 a.m.-noon Concurrent learning sessions
  • Adding insight to negotiations
  • Addressing students’ health needs
  • Board behaving badly?
  • Creative delivery of world languages
  • Ohio Public School Advocacy Network — community-based initiatives

  • Peak Tech — a formula for forever fresh IT
  • Post-pandemic — the board’s role
  • Practical advice for avoiding IEP issues
  • Transportation by the numbers

Noon-1 p.m. Lunch and Trade Show visits

1 p.m.-2 p.m. Concurrent learning sessions
  • Connecting resources, meeting needs
  • Decades of female leadership
  • EdChoice 2.0 — a legal and practical review
  • Making your board policies work for you

  • Rural representation in school-based research
  • Student success depends on board success
  • The value of telemedicine
  • When ICE comes knocking

1 p.m.-3 p.m. Spotlight Session — Looking back to look forward — lessons from the pandemic

2:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m. Concurrent learning sessions
  • 2020 case law update
  • Complete school safety — a collaborative approach
  • Leverage the strengths of ESCs and ITCs
  • Maximizing your strategic plan’s impact
  • Remote control — professionalism in the digital age

  • The power of teams to build success
  • What if schools served a higher purpose?
  • What’s on your plate? Modeling relationships
  • Why should schools go cashless?

3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Closing General Session

All day Student Achievement Fair and Student Performing Arts open

Review conference learning session descriptions and presenter information at http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/learningsessions
Conference highlights

Trade Show
The Trade Show offers attendees expanded access to exhibitors and their products and services. You can visit the Trade Show at your convenience, during and after the conference, to explore the exhibits and view videos and resources in exhibitors’ booths. Exhibitors will be available for live chats on Monday, Nov. 9, and Tuesday, Nov. 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to answer questions and provide additional information.

Connect with your peers!
Take advantage of networking opportunities during the Capital Conference. Find conference participants and start an online chat. Join a Networking Session to discuss topics such as new school board member engagement, OSBA region events and the top five questions with OSBA’s chief executive officer. Use the Q&A and chat features during learning and spotlight sessions to ask questions and share best practices with other session participants. Session presenters will be on hand to answer your questions and provide additional insights.

Use the hashtag #OSBACC to connect with conversations on social media and learn what education leaders across the state think about the different sessions.

Student Achievement Fair and Student Performing Arts
View videos and resources on imaginative programs districts around the state have created to prepare Ohio’s children for the future. The Student Performing Arts area will showcase performances and artwork from students across the state. These areas will be open throughout the conference to allow attendees to view these performances, programs and artwork at their convenience.

Exhibitor Express Talks
New this year, the conference features Exhibitor Express Talks, 30-minute sessions where you can learn more about vendors and how they can help your district continue to succeed.

View all of the conference details at http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org