

Conference 2.0 Tentative Agenda

***ALL SESSION TIMES LISTED ARE CENTRAL TIME ZONE**

February 4 - 5, 2026

Wednesday February 4	Session #1	Session #2
09:00 am – 09:10 am	WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS	
09:15 am – 10:45 am	Keynote Stop Justing, Start Shifting: Supporting Every Brain at Work - <i>Stephanie Powell</i>	
10:45 am - 11:00 am	BREAK	
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	HR as a Change Agent: Driving School and District Transformation - <i>Katrina Riley</i>	Lions and Tigers and Metrics, Oh My! Creating an HR Dashboard to Measure Your Strategic Plan - <i>Amy Dillon, Josh Colvin, Sasha Kalis</i>
12:00 pm -12:45 pm	LUNCH	
12:45 pm - 1:45 pm	From Hello to Hired: Mastering Recruitment; Retention & Onboarding - <i>Jenny Hulett, Jennifer Fletcher & Caitlin Bothke</i>	Cultivating Healing Centered Leadership in HR - <i>Nichelle Rivers</i>
1:45 pm - 2:00 pm	BREAK	
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Workplace Conflict: Strategies for Effective Resolution - <i>Sandra Moore</i>	Mitigating the Risks of AI: Lessons Learned from an Ogre and a Donkey - <i>Gretchen Lawn</i>

Thursday February 5	Session #1	Session #2
09:00 am – 09:15 am	WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS	
09:15 am – 10:45 am	Drink the Kool-AID - AI in the HR Office - <i>Dale Fisher & David Bruno</i>	Strategic School Staffing: Best Practices for Large and Small Districts - <i>Michelle Thomas & Marco Holland</i>
10:45 am – 11:00 am	BREAK	
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Nice Perks Won't Fix Burnout: The Case for Mental Health and Emotionally Intelligent Workplaces - <i>Melisa Sandoval</i>	FMLA - The Right Way - <i>Barbara Erickson</i>
12:00 pm -12:45 pm	LUNCH	
12:45 pm - 1:45 pm	I'm Not Really an A**H***: Changing the Perception of the HR Department - <i>Chris Mauger & Chris Seybert</i>	Legal Speed Dating: Issues Spotting and Avoiding Liability - <i>Jackie Gharapour Wernz & Holly McIntush</i>
1:45 pm - 2:00 pm	BREAK	
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	AI in HR	Recruitment & Retention

*Topics and times are subject to change.