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Breakout Sessions

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2. School Law
3. Hot Topics:
   • Post-Secondary Education
   • Rural & Urban Partnerships: Preparing Students for a Career in Teaching
   • Superintendent Evaluation
4. Ready, Set, Govern! - Part 2
5. School Board’s Role in Risk Management
6. Implicit Bias
7. Robert’s Rules and Running Great Meetings
8. Thriving, Not Just Surviving: How to Lift Up & Support LGBTQ2S+ Youth

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9. School Activities Update
10. Social-Emotional Well-Being of Students
11. Keynote Follow-Up: Your Role in Equity
12. Lessons Learned from COVID-19

Breakout Sessions 11/7

13. Politics: The Art of Compromise
14. Board Conduct: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
15. Trauma Informed Framework

Virtual Options

Virtual Registration only includes these sessions:

- Friday & Saturday General Session
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- Parliamentary Procedures
- School Activities
- Your Role in Advocacy
- Sunday Delegate Assembly

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