Session Topics Grid

Category	Definition	Examples
Advocacy and Community Engagement	Engaging all types of stakeholders, including leaders from local business and goverment, in district and school improvement efforts.	Legislative advocacy; partnership programs with community businesses; practices for engaging students, parents, and other community members; rural, urban, and suburban focus.
Accountability Systems	Practices and programs that provide information to the board and community about student learning, goal setting at the district and campus level, as well as issues involving state or local accountability systems.	State or local accountability plans, assessment for learning, strategic goal setting, long-term improvement planning, board and community report outs; use of disaggregated data; rural, urban, and suburban focus.
Strategic Planning and Future-Ready Pathways	Practices and programs used for stratgic planning and development; college and career planning; innovative programs	Strategic goal setting; long term improvement planning; advanced academic and career and tech ed programs; new school structures, digital learning and tech; rural, urban, and suburban focus.
District Culture and Governance Team Development	Growing the capacity of the governance team, including team building and relationships among governance leaders, to establish a focused and productive district leadership culture.	Team building; relationships among governance leaders (board, superintendent, cabinet-level administrators); collaboration of the board/superintendent team; leadership development; continuous improvement; improved governance; roles and responsibilities; rural, urban, and suburban focus.
Opportunity, Access, and Inclusion	Social and educational equity; topics affecting students receiving services in special education, gifted, and English Language Learner programs; programs designed to deliver social services to at-risk populations.	Equity and cultural awareness; special education; English Language Learners; community outreach; serving at-risk populations, social services; social-emotional learning; rural, urban, and suburban focus.
Policy and Legal	Legal and policy issues and their implications for districts.	School law; employment law; policy; ethics and transparency; legislative development, CORA, Colorado Open Meetings Law.
School Finance	The financial and operational components of district executive leadership and board oversight.	Bonds; budgeting practices; managing growth; district culture; teacher recruitment and retention; energy issues; rural, urban, and suburban focus.
Student and Staff Mental Wellness	All aspects of mental wellness and safety involving students, staff, facilities, and infrastructure.	School environments; student mental health initiatives; cybersecurity, wellness and health considerations, trauma informed instruction, and social-emotional learning; rural, urban, and suburban focus.
Student Engagement With the Work of the Board	Student engagement with boards of education.	Board policy; students on school boards; engaging students in the board's work; process and protocols.