

# Session Topics

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<b>Policy and Legal</b>	Legal and policy issues and their implications for districts.	School law; employment law; policy; ethics and transparency; legislative development, CORA, Colorado Open Meetings Law.
<b>School Finance</b>	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.
<b>Student Engagement, Understanding and Communication</b>	Tactics and methods to connect, involve and interact with students to bring their voice and perspective to school boards.	Opening up communication lines between boards and students; Students on School Boards; Engaging Students in the Board's Work;
<b>Opportunity, Access, and Inclusion</b>	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.
<b>Advocacy and Community Engagement</b>	Engaging all types of stakeholders, including leaders from local business and government, 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.

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Teamwork	Models and methods on how to best work as a team to accomplish goals.	Facilitating a Productive Conversation; Best ways to be an active Listener; Team Bonding Exercises
New School Board Members	Every new school board members needs to learn the basics to become an effective member of their board. This topic covers those key areas.	Roles and Responsibilities of A Board Member; Relationship between a Board and Superintendent
Key Issues Facing School Districts Today	There are big issues that many school districts have in common. What are creative and innovative solutions to combat these major issues.	Affordable Housing; How to Retain Teachers; Innovative Methods To Work within a Limited Budget;
Critical Skills	These are important skills for every board member to have and to learn. This can be topics for newer members to veteran members.	Digital literacy; Research skills; Good PR practices; Habits of an Effective Board Member; Self-Care
Leadership	Skills, methods, and practices of effective leaders.	Types of Leadership; Be a Leader in Your Community; Leverage Your Strengths To Be a Great Leader;