

SSC Conference General Session #2: District Spotlights

This general session will highlight examples of district practice and allow directors to learn directly from peers about approaches, strategies, and systems that are showing promise across the state

- **Academic Achievement & Student Growth**
 - What high-achieving/high-growth districts are doing differently
 - Instructional implementation
 - Connecting student growth and achievement to effective systems/planning
 - Innovative approaches to improving academic outcomes
 - CTE/programming approaches
 - Sharing successful practices from rural/smaller districts
 - Balancing academic priorities with competing student-support demands
- **Student Behavior & Student Supports**
 - Managing challenging/disruptive student behaviors
 - Actionable strategies for severe/outlier behaviors
 - Supporting teachers and staff who are experiencing behavior-related burnout
 - Mental health supports and access to appropriate services
 - Behavioral challenges beginning in PreK
 - Keeping students in appropriate learning environments while meeting their needs
 - Legal/policy constraints around student behavior
 - Cyberbullying
- **Budget Management, Funding Strategies and Grant Utilization**
 - Identifying additional grant opportunities
 - Supplemental funding for specific school/district needs
 - TISA funding strategies and maximizing available funding
 - Braided funding
 - Capital project funding
 - Funding for Pre-K and early learning
 - Funding for school safety and grounds
 - Working with county legislative bodies on budgets
- **Data Use, Reporting, and Accountability Practices**
 - Understanding reporting requirements
 - Using data to inform
 - Improving district-data use practices

- Monitoring progress towards improvement goals
 - Connecting data to accountability
- **Operations (Processes, Systems and Efficiencies)**
 - Strategic planning
 - Developing/revising five-year strategic plans
 - Systems for continuous improvement
 - Monitoring implementation and progress
 - District leadership challenges
 - Improving internal processes and systems
 - Planning and systems management
 - Declining enrollment and potential strategies
 - Intentional collaboration structures