



PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

10 A.M. – 12 P.M.

HILTON GARDEN INN (CASPER, WY)

BEING AN EFFECTIVE ADVOCATE

Ken Decaria, WSBA with Representative Steve Harshman, Senator Bill Landen, and Representative Tom Walters

As advocates for public education, school board members are the voice of the public in the governance of the education system. You want to see your students succeed. Many times, decisions about how to implement state and federal educational requirements are best made at the local level. From local control to advocating for your concerns when legislation or policy is created, the local voice is important. As a board member, your voice is a reflection of the community's priorities for student success. In this session, you will learn what it takes to be successful in your advocacy with other elected officials and policy makers. Hear from experts as they share their best strategies for building relationships and being effective advocates for education.

DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT A DATA-DRIVEN INSTRUCTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Richard Schroeder, Ed.D., International Center for Leadership in Education

This unpredictable school year brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic has magnified challenges that educators face—school districts are grappling with the interruption of learning that occurred over the past year. Now is the time to address learning gaps and use this school year to design a data-driven instructional framework that aligns to the district's strategic plan and ensures resources are allocated to maximize student growth.

I GET BY WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS

Dr. Rod Kessler & Sue Belish, WSBA

This session offers participants an opportunity to work with peers from around the state as the presenters discuss ways to leverage effective communication practices with staff, patrons, and each other to strengthen the district leadership team.