



Better
TOGETHER

Leading with Purpose. Connecting with Heart.

ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE | JUNE 28-30, 2026 | SPOKANE



SATURDAY, JUNE 27

7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Preconference Registration
Location: GH Prefunction 5

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

AWSP and WSPEF Board Meeting
Location: GH Cedar Ballroom

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

WASA Board Meeting
Location: GH Birch Ballroom

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

WASA Executive Board Meeting/Lunch
Location: GH Meeting Room 4

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Government-to-Government Precon
Location: GH Ballroom A

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Two-Day Precons (Day 1)
Sessions generously funded in part by OSPI.

Teacher and Student Growth through
Evaluation: Conversations for School
Leaders
Location: GH Meeting Room 2

Marzano Stage 1 | Instructional
Framework Training
Location: GH Meeting Room 10

CEL Stage 1 | Instructional
Framework Training
Location: GH Meeting Room 11

Danielson Stage 1 | Instructional
Framework Training
Location: GH Meeting Room 12

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For full session and presenter details, download the app. Scan this code for the link or search "Whova - Event and Conference App" on the App Store or Google Play. Use the same email you used to register for the conference.



SUNDAY, JUNE 28

8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start

Annual Golf Tournament
Location: Liberty Lake Golf Course

7:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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Full-Day Precon Session

The Leader's Playbook: Moving Your
Team from "No" to "Let's Go"
Location: GH Meeting Room 5

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Morning Half-Day Precons

Being Cool & Making it HIP: How to
Lead High Impact Cultures of
Connection, Engagement, and Belonging
Location: GH Meeting Room 1

Women in Leadership Network
Location: GH Meeting Room 3

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Afternoon Half-Day Precons

(CANCELED) We Are the Ones We've
Been Waiting For
Location: GH Meeting Room 3

Stay in H.A.R.M.'s Way: Building Leaders,
Managing Climate, Sustaining Culture
Location: GH Meeting Room 1

1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

WASA Legislative & Finance Committee
Location: GH Meeting Room 4

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

ERRN/SIRS Board Meeting
Location: GH Meeting Room 6

2:00 - 6:15 p.m.

Conference Registration and Check-in
Location: CC Riverside Lobby

4:00 - 6:15 p.m.

Conference Bookstore
Location: CC Exhibit Hall A

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Exhibits Grand Opening and Presidents'
Reception
Location: CC Exhibit Hall A

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

WSU Reception
Location: CC Riverside Terrace

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Opening Session and Banquet:
Brad Montague
Location: CC Exhibit Hall C



Brad Montague, Author
and Creator of the hit web
series Kid President

8:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Brad Montague Book Signing
Location: CC Riverside Lobby

MONDAY, JUNE 29

6:45 - 8:00 a.m.

RURAL Ed. Center Meeting

Location: GH Meeting Room 11

6:15 - 7:00 a.m.

Connect & Reflect: A Walk in the Park with Outdoor Schools WA

Location: Riverfront Park

10:00 a.m. - Noon

WCEAP Meeting

Location: GH Meeting Room 10

10:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Eastern WA Quality Schools Coalition

Location: GH Meeting Room 11

7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Conference Registration

Location: CC Riverside Lobby

7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Conference Bookstore

Location: CC Exhibit Hall A

Hidden Spring Book Company

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

Exhibits and Continental Breakfast

Location: CC Exhibit Hall A

8:15 - 9:30 a.m.

General Session with Carlos Ojeda Jr.

Location: CC Exhibit Hall C



*Carlos Ojeda Jr.,
Motivational
Speaker and Youth
Development Expert,
CoolSpeak*

9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

Book Signing with Carlos Ojeda Jr.

Location: Bookstore in Exhibit Hall A

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Exhibits and Refreshment Break

Location: CC Exhibit Hall A

10:00 - 10:50 a.m.

Concurrent Session I

Better with AI: Practical Strategies for Enhancing Your Leadership

Location: 300 C

Leading with Purpose: Strengthening Schools Through Relational Leadership

Location: 402 B

PLC: Eliminate Singletons Through Standards Based Collaboration

Location: 303 A

Building Shared Leadership: A Pathway to Improving Student Outcomes, Elevating Voice, and Enhancing Student Experience

Location: 401 C

Keep It Simple: How to Implement a Simple and Revolutionary Daily Intervention and Homework Support Plan for Middle School Students

Location: 402 C

The Principalship: Leading with Vision and Purpose

Location: 302 A

Shifting the Conversation from Evaluation to Ongoing Growth

Location: 300 D

Improving K-5 Math Instruction: We All Play a Role - Principal, Teacher, Team and Paraeducator

Location: 300 B

Thriving and Growing: Personalized Learning and Support for Leaders

Location: 402 A

A Cultural Shift within an Organization around Professional Boundaries

Location: 401 A

From Listening to Legitimacy: How Authentic Engagement Drives Trust-Powered Change

Location: 303 B

Louder Than a Suggestion Box: Maximizing Student Voice in Schools!

Location: 300 A

Reflective Leadership on Indigenous Land: Embracing Place, Presence, and Responsibility in Washington Schools

Location: 302 B

A New Hope in Action: Aligning Vision and Trust to Lead Collaborative Change

Location: 401 B

11:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Concurrent Session II

Better Together: Purpose Driven Student Leadership

Location: 402 B

Skipper's Playbook: Creative Strategies for Student Buy-In

Location: 402 A

Resilience & Technology: Leading Through Change

Location: 401 B

When the Money's Gone but the Mission Isn't: Leading School Improvement Through Scarcity, Cuts, and Change

Location: 302 A

High Performance Leadership: Why Principals Must Train, Recover, and Compete Like Elite Athletes

Location: 302 B

Doing the Hard Parts of School Leadership Better: Using AI to Strengthen Systems, Structures, and Collective Practice

Location: 303 B

From "All Means All" to Systemwide Action: What Washington's Leaders Are Teaching Us About Making Inclusion Stick

Location: 300 B

MTSS Makerspace -Principals Better Together

Location: 401 A

Making Learning Cohesive For All Students: A Framework For Strengthening And Solidifying Long-Term Learning Across The System

Location: 303 A

Transforming Leadership Through Partnership: Renewal, Hope and Optimism

Location: 300 D

Leading Together: Building a Districtwide Principal PLC for Sustainable School Improvement

Location: 300 C

Unpacking the Small & Rural School Efficiency Study

Location: 401 C

From Shelf to Shift: How Collaborative School Improvement Planning Can Spark Real Change

Location: 402 C

2 - 4 - 6 - 8 Who Do We Appreciate! Fostering and Cultivating a Culture of Appreciation in Your School/Program

Location: 300 A

12:15 - 1:30 p.m.

Association Luncheons

AWSP Luncheon

Location: CC Exhibit Hall C

WASA Luncheon and Awards

Location: CC Exhibit Hall B1

WASA Luncheon Sponsored by:



1:30 - 1:55 p.m.

Exhibits

Location: CC Exhibit Hall A

1:50 - 2:40 p.m.

Concurrent Session III

OSPI Learning Standards Review and Revision Project Updates

Location: 300 D

When Change Isn't Optional: Leading Adult Learning and Culture in the Age of AI

Location: 303 B

Building Comprehensive Student Support Systems: Strategies for Engagement, Equity, and Success

Location: 402 B

Engage, Inspire, Celebrate: Staff Culture Matters

Location: 401 C

Sustaining Inclusive Systems through Times of Change

Location: 300 B

Shared Leadership: Leading with Student Voice

Location: 401 A

Before the Decision: A Shift-Left Approach to Change Communication

Location: 302 B

W.O.W. Goals : Setting and Achieving Culture Shifting Benchmarks for Your Campus

Location: 300 A

Leading Your District Through a Successful Migration

Location: 402 C

Leading Change: Building a Community of Practice to Prevent Restraint and Isolation in Schools

Location: 402 A

Better Together: Designing a High-Impact Math Lab Through Braided Funding and Special Education Expertise

Location: 401 B

Skilled Navigation of Difficult Conversations with Your Board

Location: 300 C

Crisis Communications for Today's Schools: What to Prepare Before an Emergency and How to Lead With Confidence

Location: 303 A

Carrying the Work, Carrying Ourselves: Navigating Equity Leadership as Leaders of Color

Location: 302 A

2:45 - 3:45 p.m.

Exhibits, Refreshment Social, & Exhibitor Prize Drawing

Location: Exhibit Hall A

3:45 - 4:35 p.m.

Concurrent Session IV

Improving Administrative Internship and Mentorship Systems and Programs

Location: 302 A

The Alphabet Soup of Agency & Association Support for Mathematics: We're Here to Help!

Location: 302 B

AI Leadership in Practice: Reclaiming Time to Lead with Purpose and Heart

Location: 303 B

Where Connection Actually Begins: Icebreakers Worth Your Time!

Location: 300 A

Amplify Your Leadership: Aligning Goals for Real Results

Location: 401 C

Women of Color: Get in Formation

Location: 402 B

Growing, Supporting, and Sustaining Your Building and Central Office Leaders

Location: 300 D

From "No" to "Let's Go!": Leading the People Side of Change

Location: 300 C

Equity in Arts Education: By the Numbers

Location: 303 A

Building a Shared Vision for School Finance Reform: The UW-SUPES group

Location: 401 B

Thinking Sideways: A Leadership Approach for Innovative Learning

Location: 401 A

The Resilient Leader: Fueling Purposeful Change Through Vision, Heart, and Failing Forward

Location: 402 A

At the Heart of It All: 40+ Ideas to Build Joy, Trust, and Retention

Location: 402 C

2026 Legislative Session Update

Location: 300 B

4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

WASA Member President-elect Candidates' Reception

Location: DT Spokane Falls Ballroom

Sponsored by:



5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Leaders of Color (LOCNET) Social

Location: Lilac & Pine Restaurant at the Grand

Tickets are \$25.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

6:15 - 7:00 a.m.

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Coffee and Exhibits

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Conference Registration

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8:30 - 9:20 a.m.

Concurrent Session V

Seen, Supported, and Sustained: Caring for the Adults Who Care for Students

Location: 402 A

Lessons Learned From the First Year as a Lead Principal

Location: 303 B

When Systems Align: Leading Coherent Student Support Across Your School

Location: 302 B

AI-Powered PLCs: Turning Evidence into Personalized Action

Location: 300 D

The Truth About SchoolLinks: The Path Forward, The Reason Why and How to Rise to the Opportunity We've Been Given

Location: 300 B

Better Together: A Q&A with Washington's Leadership Associations

Location: 300 C

From Improvement to Impact: One Elementary School's Path To Strengthening Collective Efficacy through Human-Centered Leadership

Location: 402 C

Approaches to Empowering Students at the District Level

Location: 303 A

Parent Whispering: How to Diffuse and Build Connections with the Angriest of Families

Location: 402 B

Getting That Next Administrative Job You Really Want: How Leaders Position Themselves for the Next Role

Location: 302 A

The Brain Behind the Habit: Designing Change That Matters

Location: 300 A

FutureReady: Innovating Graduation Requirements to Empower Tomorrow's Leaders

Location: 401 A

Lifting as We Lead: Empowering Latino Educators Through Mentorship, Growth, and Development

Location: 401 C

9:20 - 11:15 a.m.

Closing Brunch with Sandy Zimmerman, and Prize Drawings

Location: CC Exhibit Hall C



*Sandy Zimmerman,
Inspirational
Speaker, Coach,
and Author*

GRAND PRIZE: Two tickets to the SOLD OUT Benson Boone concert at the Numerica Veterans Arena in Spokane on August 2, plus an overnight stay at the DoubleTree and a \$100 gift card for Davenport Restaurants. *Must be present during the Tuesday closing brunch to win!*

Grand prize sponsored by:

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**DAVENPORT
HOTELS**

11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sandy Zimmerman Book Signing

Location: CC Exhibit Hall C

Don't Miss Our Special Events In The Commons!

Our exhibit hall is filled with a variety of vendors who have innovative and helpful solutions, products, and resources for school and district leaders like you.

This year's Summer Conference Exhibit Hall is known as "The Commons." The Commons reimagines the traditional exhibit hall as an immersive, four-zone experience designed to drive meaningful engagement between exhibitors and attendees. Spark new ideas on stage, refuel with coffee and conversation, and unwind with games.

"FIRST 100" EXHIBIT HALL GIFT BAGS AND GOLDEN TICKETS

The first 100 attendees to enter the exhibit hall will receive a special gift bag. Three of the gift bags will contain golden tickets for special prizes to be claimed at the registration desk, including gifts from our hotel partners.

(Exhibit hall opens at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 28.)

NEW! QR CODE PASSPORT PROGRAM AND PRIZES

This year, you'll notice a QR code on your name badge. (If not, be sure to visit The Commons to pick up your QR code sticker!) This code allows you to participate in the exhibit hall Passport Program for a chance to win great prizes.

VENDOR GIVEAWAY DRAWING

Several vendors have generously donated prizes for this drawing! Take the small vendor drawing ticket from the bottom of the name badge sheet you received at check-in and drop it in the prize drawing box **in the exhibit hall.**

(Must be present in the exhibit hall on Monday at 2:45 p.m. to win.)