

**WOODFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM #: VIII C DATE: May 18, 2026

TOPIC/TITLE: Approve Travel Requests

PRESENTER: Administrators

ORIGIN:

- TOPIC PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION ONLY (No board action required.)
- ACTION REQUESTED AT THIS MEETING
- ITEM IS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL
- ACTION REQUESTED AT FUTURE MEETING: (DATE)
- BOARD REVIEW REQUIRED BY

- STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION
- BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY
- OTHER:

PREVIOUS REVIEW, DISCUSSION OR ACTION:

- NO PREVIOUS BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION OR ACTION
- PREVIOUS REVIEW OR ACTION

- DATE:
- ACTION:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As per Board Policy, the attached travel requests must be approved by the Board.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR ELEMENTS:

Attached: Behavior Institute, 15 WCPS employees (Louisville, KY; 6/15/26-6/16/26); Innovative Schools Summit, 4 WCPS employees (Nashville, TN; 7/26/26-7/29/26); JAG National Convention, 1 WCHS employee (Long Beach, CA; 7/8/26-7/19/26).

IMPACT ON RESOURCES: Please see attached documentation

TIMETABLE FOR FURTHER REVIEW OR ACTION:

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Recommended Not Recommended

Yari Jones

**WOODFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS- STAFF
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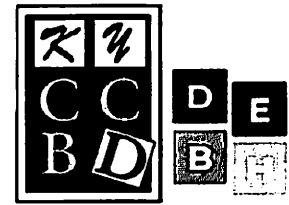
INDIVIDUAL/STAFF REQUESTING TRIP:	Tracey Francis
DATES OF TRIP:	June 15 - June 16
TRIP TO:	Behavior Institute - Galt House Louisville KY
METHOD OF TRANSPORTATION:	Personal Vehicle
ACCOMMODATIONS:	Not Needed
EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVE/ CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:	Professional Development
CONFERENCE AGENDA: SEE ATTACHMENT	See Attached
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS/SCHOOLS: (If more than one school, attach list of participants and their schools.)	Volunteering Emily Kuebler - MSD Teacher Southside Logan Mullins - District Behavioral IA/Safe Crisis Management Instructor Katie Moore - School Psychologist Madison McGoldrich - School Psychologist Nancy Alspach - School Psychologist Presenting Tracey Francis - Director Special Education - Full CCBD Paid Amy Oates - School Psychologist/MTSS Coordinator Marlaina Buzzelli - Special Ed Consultant Ricca Browning - Middle School RISE Teacher Hannah Phillips - District Mental Health Specialist

	Erica Snow Sandy Adams Attending Baylee Turner - Southside LBD Teacher Sarah Houston - Hunteertown LBD Teacher Kristen Wilson - Safe Harbor Academy Principal Elyse Lunsford - Highschool RISE Teacher
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST:	\$675
COST INCLUDES:	Registration 3 People
FUNDING SOURCE:	9022
FUND MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended <i>Cory Longstreth</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended
PRINCIPAL/SUPERVISOR RECOMMENDATION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended <i>Tracy Francis</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended
SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <i>Yeri Jones</i>

June 15 – 16, 2026

KY Behavior Institute

Sneak Peek - Sessions at a Glance



As of April 2026, the following breakout sessions are approved.

Stay tuned, there are more to come!

Session Titles



- Keynote: That One Kid
- Why Students Disengage and Misbehave and What to do About it
- 50 FREE & Fabulous Behavior Resources
- High Probability Strategies for Classroom Management: Creating Positive Learning Environments
- The Cycle of Acting Out Behavior: Managing Misbehaviors to Prevent Escalation
- Fix the Task, Not the Kid: AI Powered Scaffolds with NotebookLM
- Three Bite-Sized Behavioral Interventions for Secondary Students
- Supporting Students with Disabilities and Behavioral Needs
- CATCH My Breath Vaping Prevention Program
- Promoting Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs): Integrating HOPE into School Settings
- Where Wellbeing Grows: Mental Health in Nature-Based Early Learning
- Developmentally Appropriate Practice: A Foundation for High Quality, Inclusive Early Learning Classrooms
- Bridging the Gap: Supporting Smooth Transitions from Preschool to Kindergarten
- Make & Take: Cool, Calm, and Connected: Redirection and De-Escalation Strategies for the Preschool Classroom
- Regulate to Elevate: Teach the Skill, Change the Behavior
- Got Big Behaviors? Top 10 Tips to Teach Replacement Behaviors
- Who's Driving This Bus? Taking the Wheel in Your Preschool Classroom
- Executive Function 101: What Every Preschool Educator Should Know
- Navigating Acculturative Stress
- Be Sensitive, Be Brave: For Suicide Prevention
- Using Breaks with Purpose: Practical Strategies for Addressing Behavior
- More Than Posters: Making PBIS Work for Behavior and Belonging
- Encouragement with Intention: Strengthening Classroom Behavior Systems
- Don't Suspend Me! Alternatives to Suspension & Expulsion
- Make & Take: Documentation for Administrators
- Make Learning to Read Memorable, Meaningful, and Fun!
- Reinforcement That Works: Practical Tools for Engagement and Positive Behavior
- Building Self-Regulation: Preventing Behavior Through Instruction
- You Can't Make Me: Strategies for Working with Students with Oppositional Defiant Disorders
- Why Can't They Control Their Own Behavior: 100 Strategies for Emotional Regulation for Students
- Banking Time: Small Moments, Big Connections
- Suicide Prevention, Intervention, & Postvention Best Practices
- Assistive Technology in the Preschool Classroom: When and How
- Making Writing Click: High Impact SRSD Strategies (Without the Overwhelm)
- The Inclusion of Students with Special Needs During Whole and Small Group Instruction
- Arts in Action: Supporting Creative Thinking in Early Learners
- Behavior Simplified: Systematic Problem Solving for Administrators

- Data Collection and Progress Monitoring of Behavior Goals using Technology Tools
- Supporting Students with Behavior Challenges Using Google Gemini
- Best Practices for Elopement and Wandering Prevention: A Guide for Educational Staff and IEP Teams
- Building A Framework for Student Success: A Journey Through the MTSS Process
- Tucker's Teamwork: Growing Friendship with the Pyramid Model
- Communication is a Two-Way Street — Building a Communication-Friendly Early Childhood Classroom
- Making Literacy and Science Connections in the Early Childhood Classroom
- Elevating Instruction with Practice Based Coaching
- Make & Take: Screen-Free Survival Kits: Easy Engagement Ideas for Families on the Go
- The AI Behavioral Toolkit: Visuals, Stories, and Guided Learning Using Google Gemini
- The Great Barriers: Overcoming the Barriers of Family Engagement Together
- Building Bridges: Family Engagement in Social-Emotional Learning
- Preschool Throwbacks: Old-School DAP Worth Repeating
- Understanding ABA and its Role in Schools
- Statewide Autism Resources Every Preschool Team Should Know to Help Caregivers
- Family Involvement VS. Family Engagement: Increasing Family Engagement in Early Childhood
- Getting Ahead of Student Misbehavior: Practical prevention strategies you can use tomorrow
- Tackling those Big Behaviors Emitted by Learners with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Behavior & Communication - Supporting Skill Development for Independence
- I'm a Teacher NOT a Therapist; Trauma-Informed Classroom Management name change
- Whole Child, Whole District: Integrating Social-Emotional Learning District-Wide
- Disordered Eating in Kentucky
- Challenging Behavior in the Preschool Classroom: Power Up by Engaging Families
- Don't Let It Blow Up: De-escalation Done Right
- Understanding Behavior: Lessons for a Lifetime
- Designing High Quality SDI in Behavior: What It Is and What It Isn't
- Why Attendance Is a Skill Issue: Executive Function and SEL Connections
- Executive Functioning: Practical Classroom Strategies
- Can Artificial Intelligence Help Bridge the Research-to-Practice Gap
- The Attendance-Engagement Link: Effective Strategies for Preschool Teachers
- MTSS Interconnected Systems of Support For Tier 2 & 3
- The Misunderstood Antecedent: Sensory Dysregulation as a Barrier to Learning
- Start Simple, Support Strong: Social Skills Done Right
- Reimagining School Culture: Building Administrative Muscle for Trauma-Informed & Restorative Discipline
- The Regulated Classroom
- No More Clipping and Flipping: Why punishment-based management strategies are counterproductive and what to use instead
- Class Meetings Will Bridge Connection and Belonging
- EPIC Framework for Behavior
- Elevate Your Career: Earn a Rank Change Through Job-Embedded Learning
- Expanding Mental Health Support in Schools – As an Extension of Your Team
- Empowering Positive Behavior Through Social Skills Instruction
- All Hearts On Deck: Community-Based Strategy to Address Gun Violence
- Evidence-Based Strategies for Understanding and Managing Anxiety to Optimize Teaching and Learning
- From Overwhelmed to Aligned: Leading Smarter Systems for Student Mental Health
- Turning Numbers into Action: Using IDEA Data to Enhance K-12 Behavioral Frameworks

- Supporting Students with Mental Health Needs in the Classroom
- Unlocking the IEP: Tools to Create a KDE Compliant IEP and Escape the PLEP Puzzle
- Restorative Practices For Educators
- Seeing Behavior Differently: A Brain-Based Approach to Support
- Play, Think, Grow: Elevating Cognitive Development in Early Learning
- To Puberty & Beyond
- Questions about Behavior
- Safe Spaces for Emotional Regulation in the Classroom: Best Practices from Behavioral Science
- Designing Graphic Organizers that Boost Achievement and Prevent Behavior Problems
- Ready for the Real World: Soft Skills That Lead to Success (also exec functioning)
- Teaching without Punishment? Understanding the Side Effects of and Alternative Approaches to Punishment
- Student Mental Health Concerns Pre and Post COVID: What Educators Need to Know
- From Screening to Systems: Implementing Effective School Mental Health Screening in Practice
- Beyond Prevention: Supporting Youth with Behavior Disorders within the Bullying Dynamic
- Make & Take Structured Work systems
- Strategies to Build Success for New Teachers
- Training Paraeducators to Support Behavior Interventions
- Behavior IS communication: Tools to help students with the most complex communication needs
- AAC Playground: Hands on language learning strategies for beginning communicators
- Building a comprehensive MSD classroom schedule
- Smooth Moves: Strategies for Effective Daily Transitions
- The Power of the 5-Point Scale: How it can Transform a Classroom
- Five Common Conversations About Behavior
- So Tier 2 Looks Like What???
- Middle School MTSS - Woodford County Panel Discussion
- SEL and Classroom Meetings (Formerly known as Morning Meetings)
- Check & Connect: A Pathway to Persistence and Success
- Best Practices for Running a Structured Behavior Program
- Designing Behavior SDI That Works: From Function to Instruction
- Routine Relationships: Intentional Connections Improving Student Behavior
- MDR Made Simple: Demystifying the Determination Process
- Making FBAs & BIPs Easier (and Better): Interactive Forms That Guide Teams Through the Process
- Check -In/Check- Out (CICO) Implementing a Practical Tier 2 Intervention With Fidelity
- Busted! The Truth About PBIS
- Write It Right: Creating Behavior Intervention Plans That Get Results
- Supporting Student LRE and on-going Student Problem Solving
- Seeing the Signs Early: Attendance and Student Engagement
- From Data to Action: Using Early Warning & Insights to Strengthen Student Outcomes
- Where do I begin? Functions of Behavior and Positive Supports
- KY Behavior- Resources at Your Fingertips
- Small Groups, Big Gains: A Roadmap for Station Teaching Success
- Skills in Action: Teaching Communication, Toleration, and Cooperation for Students with Severe Challenging Behavior
- Compassionate Responses to Severe Behavior

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INDIVIDUAL/STAFF REQUESTING TRIP:	Joe Albert, Simmons Principal Ryan Asher, Chief Academic Office Tasha Keaton, Southside Counselor Aly Payton, Simmons 2nd GradeTeacher
DATES OF TRIP:	July 26-29, 2026
TRIP TO:	Innovative Schools Summit - School Discipline Conference in Nashville, TN
METHOD OF TRANSPORTATION:	Car
ACCOMMODATIONS:	Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center
EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVE/ CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:	Ideas, information, and strategies learned will be presented back to WCPS staff through administrative leadership and MTSS collaborative meeting structures.
CONFERENCE AGENDA: SEE ATTACHMENT	
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS/SCHOOLS: (If more than one school, attach list of participants and their schools.)	Four (4)
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST:	\$5050 - (reg, mileage, hotel) Paid by KEDC \$880 - (meals) - Paid by FY27 9190/ Asher

COST INCLUDES:	Registration, lodging, mileage, meals
FUNDING SOURCE:	KY Educational Development Corp. & FY27 Project 9190/Asher
FUND MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended <i>Rbe</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended
PRINCIPAL/SUPERVISOR RECOMMENDATION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended <i>Rbe</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended
SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <i>Yeri Jones</i>



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July 26, 2026

7:00 AM CT

ISS Run Club: Day 1

7:00 AM-8:00 AM

Networking Ev...

Meet in Hotel Lobby

Kickstart your morning with the ISS Run Club! All paces are welcome for a refreshing early morning run.

Join fellow attendees and staff for a rejuvenating run around the city. Connect with others, enjoy the fresh air, and start your day on a high note....

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9:00 AM CT

Developing the Emotionally Intelligent Classroom Using SEL - Part 1

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Pre-Conference

Emotional intelligence is the ability to identify and manage your emotions while understanding the emotions of those around you. Emotional intelligence consists of four domains: self-awareness, social awareness, self-management and relationship management. Schools that develop the emotional intelligence of educators an...

[view more](#)



Brian Dinkins

Expert on Emotional Intelligence, CEO of the Center for Empowering Education

Grade Level

K-12

Target Audience

All School Staff

36 spots left

Lost Boys: Evidence-Based Strategies to Develop Character & Achieve Academic Succe...

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Pre-Conference

Research shows a growing epidemic in our classrooms: The Marginalization of Boys. Research suggests that an academic gender gap is plaguing our nation's boys in the classroom. Here are some of the facts:

- More boys are enrolled in kindergarten than girls, but fewer boys will graduate from high school...

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[view more](#)



Steph Jensen

International Speaker, Award-Winning Author & Consultant on Social-Emotional Learning

Grade Level

K-12

Target Audience

Administrator, Classroom Teacher, Student Support Services

68 spots left

Beyond the Test: Creative Techniques to Evaluate Learning

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Pre-Conference

Are you tired of relying solely on traditional quizzes and exams to measure student learning? Join Dr. Nick ("Ranger Nick") Fuhrman, Meigs Distinguished Professor of Environmental Education, for an interactive workshop that will transform how you think about assessment...

[view more](#)



Dr. Nick Fuhrman

Professor & Expert on Using Live Animals as Teaching Tools
University of Georgia

Grade Level

K-12

Target Audience

Administrator

113 spots left

Effective Leaders Do These Four Things

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Pre-Conference

Effective leaders do four things really well. They establish and embody a clear and compelling mission and vision for their school or district. They create a culture of care and connection, where every person feels known, respected and appreciated. They build the capacity of faculty and staff to work in relentless pursuit of...

[view more](#)



Dr. Tracey Severns

Education Strategist, Author of Mistakes, MisSteps & Missed Opportunities
Teach4Results

Grade Level

K-12

Target Audience

Administrator, Classroom Teacher, All School Staff

43 spots left

Positive & Preventive Supports for Students who are Wired Differently - Part 1

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Pre-Conference

Anxiety, Depression, and Level 1 Autism Spectrum Disorders

Supporting students who are "Wired Differently" requires an array of practices beyond traditional discipline. This session will include an overview of the major emotional and behavioral challenges of students who have ...

[view more](#)



Mike Paget
International Speaker, Consultant and Author

Grade Level

K-12

Target Audience

Administrator, Classroom Teacher, All School Staff

31 spots left

School Culture Compass: Four Pillars. One Direction. A Stronger School Culture.

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Pre-Conference

School Culture Compass is a transformative session dedicated to nurturing and strengthening the relationships within your school's staff. While the focus is often on how educators connect with students, the bonds between teachers and school leadership are equally vital...

[view more](#)



Edward DeShazer
President
Teachers Ed

Grade Level

K-12

Target Audience

Administrator, All School Staff

97 spots left

Sensory-Informed Practices: A Revolutionary Approach to Social-Emotional Learning

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Pre-Conference

This hands-on and engaging session explores the powerful intersection of sensory-informed practices and Social-Emotional Learning (SEL). Educators will learn how to create and sustain learning environments that improve self-awareness and self-regulation. Participants will learn how to assess and identify various sensory preferences and how they relate to our emotional health. Participants will also learn practical strategies for

[view more](#)



Jewelisa Blanks
Innovator in Sensory-Informed Education, Founder of Gifts of Joy
Gifts of Joy

Grade Level

K-12

Target Audience

All School Staff

113 spots left

1:30 PM CT

Developing the Emotionally Intelligent Classroom Using SEL - Part 2

1:30 PM-4:30 PM

Pre-Conference

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Grade Level

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Target Audience

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Steph Jensen

International Speaker, Award-Winning Author & Consultant on Social-Emotional Learning

Grade Level

K-12

Target Audience

Administrator, Classroom Teacher, Student Support Services

90 spots left

Deep Dive: Creating Classroom Learning Experiences for Tomorrow's Learners

1:30 PM-4:30 PM

Pre-Conference

Be a part of the learning experience and learn how to create classroom experiences that your students will remember using multi-subject integration and multi-sensory pathways. Leave with ideas, tools, and resources to start using in your classroom tomorrow. It's time to change the classroom of today to start ... teaching the students of tomorrow

[view more](#)



Kara Rigsby
Instructional Strategies Specialist &...
IntegratED



Megan Diede, M.Ed.
Co-Founder of IntegratED, Blogger,...
IntegrateED

Grade Level

K-12

Target Audience

Classroom Teacher

80 spots left

Girl Drama: Best Practices to Help Educators Reduce Relational Aggression

1:30 PM-4:30 PM

Pre-Conference

The focus of this session is to provide educators specific strategies, activities and insights that can be used to confront and avoid girl drama and relational aggression.

Based upon the latest brain research, as well as current best practices, these interventions can be used to ...

[view more](#)



Tracie Berry-McGhee
Popular Speaker, Author, Counselor, Leader of "I Define Me" Movement
I Define Me

Grade Level

K-12

Target Audience

Administrator, Classroom Teacher, Student Support Services

36 spots left

Positive & Preventive Supports for Students who are Wired Differently - Part 2

1:30 PM-4:30 PM

Pre-Conference

**** THIS IS A CONTINUATION OF THE MORNING SESSION BY THE SAME NAME.****

Trauma, ADHD, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, and Conduct Disorder"

Supporting students who are "Wired Differently" requires an array of practices beyond traditional discipline...

[view more](#)



Mike Paget
International Speaker, Consultant and Author

Grade Level

K-12

Target Audience

Administrator, Classroom Teacher, Student Support Services

39 spots left

Strategies for Improving Family Engagement in Education

1:30 PM-4:30 PM

Pre-Conference

This workshop will provide educators with practical strategies for strengthening school-family partnerships and improving family engagement in education. Participants will learn about the benefits of family engagement, the barriers that prevent families from getting involved in their child's education, and effective ...

[view more](#)



Ernesto Mejia

Son of Immigrants, Speaks to Students & Educators about the American Dream -- Education
CoolSpeak

Grade Level

K-12

Target Audience

Administrator, Classroom Teacher, Student Support Services

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July 27, 2026

8:30 AM CT

Take Action: Turning Adversity into Accomplishments

8:30 AM-9:30 AM

Plenary

Main Stage

In this transformative session, Michael Bonner explores the power of one decision and how it compounds over time to create lasting success. From literacy and AI to emotional intelligence and culture, he unpacks the systems and mindset shifts that drive real change. Through powerful examples—from the Wright brothers t...

[view more](#)



Michael Bonner

Inspirational Educator, International Speaker, Author of Get Up or Give Up
Ron Clark Academy

Grade Level

K-12

Target Audience

All School Staff

10:00 AM CT

The Compound Effect: Small Shifts. Big Disruptions. Permanent Change.

10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Keynote

Main Stage

The smallest hinge swings the biggest door. From AI-fueled tutors outpacing entire districts to cultural shifts reshaping the teacher's role—education is compounding toward transformation. This session explores how micro-decisions, overlooked innovations and mindset pivots can snowball into massive results (or ...

[view more](#)



Michael Bonner

Inspirational Educator, International Speaker, Author of Get Up or Give Up
Ron Clark Academy

Grade Level

K-12

Target Audience

All School Staff

11:15 AM CT

Building Human-Centered Skills for an AI World

11:15 AM-12:15 PM

Keynote

Main Stage

Every major technology rewrites the hierarchy of skills; AI is doing it faster than ever. The question is not whether schools will respond, but whether we'll respond wisely.

As artificial intelligence accelerates production and prediction, distinctly human capacities rise in value. This session explores the skills that will hold and even increase their importance in an AI-shaped world, not only

[view more](#)



Ben Talsma

Advocate for Unconventional Approaches, Innovator in Using AI in the Classroom
Van Andel Institute

Grade Level

K-12

Target Audience

All School Staff

1:45 PM CT

The Achievement Ethos: Common Behaviors, Uncommon Performance

1:45 PM-2:45 PM

Plenary

Main Stage

What separates high achievers from the rest? In this transformative keynote, discover the core behaviors shared by successful students, elite business and school leaders, professional athletes, and members of Seal Team 6. Uncover the truth behind why low performers resort to blame, denial, excuses, and quitting, and lear...

[view more](#)



Weston Kieschnick

Award-Winning Educator, Author & Creator of Teaching Keating Podcast

Grade Level

K-12

Target Audience

Administrator, Classroom Teacher, Student Support Services

3:00 PM CT

Go Forth and Be Bold: Educating for the Future

3:00 PM-4:00 PM

Keynote

Main Stage

Wisdom informs innovation; the latter simply cannot exist without the former. In the push for future-focused schools, we need to take an honest look at the strategies and practices of our past. Which highly effective strategies need to accompany us on the path forward? Which practices never worked to begin with, and need ...

[view more](#)



Weston Kieschnick

Award-Winning Educator, Author & Creator of Teaching Keating Podcast

Grade Level

K-12

Target Audience
Administrator, Classroom Teacher, Student Support Services

4:10 PM CT

Laughter in the Lesson

4:10 PM-5:10 PM

Plenary

Main Stage

There is a science behind laughter, and this veteran stand-up comedian and former educator has mastered it. Now, imagine being able to bottle that energy, positivity and feel-good vibe that you get at a comedy show, and channel it into your classroom, workplace or everyday life. It's easier than you think. Devin delivers a ...

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Devin Siebold
Comedian & Former Educator

Grade Level

K-12

Target Audience

Administrator, Classroom Teacher, Student Support Services, All School Staff

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July 28, 2026

6:30 AM CT

ISS Run Club: Day 2

6:30 AM-7:30 AM

Networking Ev...

Meet in Hotel Lobby

Kickstart your morning with the ISS Run Club! All paces are welcome for a refreshing early morning run.

Join fellow attendees and staff for a rejuvenating run around the city. Connect with others, enjoy the fresh air, and start your day on a high note....

[👁 view more](#)

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8:30 AM CT

Innovation in Action

8:30 AM-9:30 AM

Plenary

Main Stage

Dr. Anderson will be sharing practical strategies that are based on proven research that has worked in Topeka to engage families in schools as teams address mental health and the social determinants of health for the whole family. Dr. Anderson will share ways to invest in systems that heal and are sustainable, which is ...

[👁 view more](#)



Dr. Tiffany Anderson
Transformative Kansas Superintendent
Topeka Public Schools

Grade Level

K-12

Target Audience

Administrator, Classroom Teacher, Student Support Services

10:00 AM CT

Transforming Schools and Communities

10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Keynote

Main Stage

Dr. Anderson will share research on trauma and the impact on the adolescent and adult brain impacting schools. She will engage participants in developing an action plan based on proven strategies she used to transform schools. As a national leader in education and the 2023 National Women Superintendent of the Year...

[👁 view more](#)



Dr. Tiffany Anderson
Transformative Kansas Superintendent
Topeka Public Schools

Grade Level

K-12

Target Audience

Administrator, Classroom Teacher, Student Support Services

11:15 AM CT

The Difference Between Presenting Information and Truly Teaching It: What Great T...

11:15 AM-12:15 PM

Keynote

Main Stage

Although you may not have the title of educator, everyone is a teacher to others. This presentation will highlight the four elements that all "great" teachers exhibit while using creative analogies between special animals and exceptional teachers.

**Dr. Nick Fuhrman**

Professor & Expert on Using Live Animals as Teaching Tools
University of Georgia

Grade Level

K-12

Target Audience

Administrator, Classroom Teacher, Student Support Services

1:45 PM CT

Helping our Anxious New Generation Thrive

1:45 PM-2:45 PM

Plenary

Main Stage

TBA

**Dr. Michele Borba**

Best-Selling Author, Parenting & Child Expert, Educational Psychologist

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3:00 PM CT

Unlocking the Power of Empathy: Why the "Other Side of the Report Card" Is a Must f...

3:00 PM-4:00 PM

Keynote

Main Stage

In today's complex, global, digitally-driven world, there's one trait that seems to be missing in our youth. Teens today are 40% less empathetic than just a generation ago; narcissism has increased by 58% and bullying is at an all-time high. This isn't just a crisis of character. Dr. Michele Borba explains why cultivating empathy...

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Dr. Michele Borba
Best-Selling Author, Parenting & Child Expert, Educational Psychologist

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K-12
Target Audience
All School Staff

4:10 PM CT

Why We Can't Consequence our Way to Student Accountability

4:10 PM-5:10 PM

Plenary

Main Stage

When it comes to classroom management, how many “programs” have you experienced that are designed to reward or punish students for their behavior? How did they work? Consequences do not equal accountability and rarely result in sustainable behavior change. So as educators, how can we handle the frequent fliers and ...

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Larry Thompson
Supportive Discipline Innovator, Creator of Responsibility-Centered Discipline
Responsibility-Centered Discipline

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July 29, 2026

8:30 AM CT

Creativity, Passion & Resilience - Part 1

8:30 AM-9:30 AM

Plenary

Main Stage

Ron Clark shares inspiring stories and key strategies to uplift and motivate all educators. The methods shared will give teachers the tools to help all of their students achieve high levels of success.

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Ron Clark Academy

Grade Level

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Target Audience

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10:00 AM CT

Creativity, Passion & Resilience - Part 2

10:00 AM-11:00 AM

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INDIVIDUAL/STAFF REQUESTING TRIP:	Amanda Moffett
DATES OF TRIP:	July 8 - July 19, 2026
TRIP TO:	JAG National Convention EDGE
METHOD OF TRANSPORTATION:	Airplane
ACCOMMODATIONS:	N/A
EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVE/ CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:	Learn more about JAG and new programs for 2026-2027.
CONFERENCE AGENDA: SEE ATTACHMENT	See attached
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS/SCHOOLS: (If more than one school, attach list of participants and their schools.)	1 - Amanda Moffett
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST:	\$530.00
COST INCLUDES:	Transportation to and from conference.
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Fwd: EDGE

Moffett, Amanda <amanda.moffett@woodford.kyschools.us>
To: Emily Porter <emily.porter@woodford.kyschools.us>

Fri, May 8, 2026 at 3:16 PM

Here you go EM!!!

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From: Gaina Compton <g.compton@jagky.org>
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To: Moffett, Amanda <amanda.moffett@woodford.kyschools.us>
Cc: Angela Morris <a.morris@jagky.org>

Amanda Moffett Selected to Attend National EDGE Training Seminar

JAG Kentucky is proud to announce that Amanda Moffett, JAG Specialist from Woodford County, has been selected as one of only three specialists in the state of Kentucky to attend the national EDGE Training Seminar in Long Beach, California this year.

Out of approximately 130 JAG programs across Kentucky, Amanda was chosen through a highly selective process that recognizes outstanding classroom performance, strong student engagement, leadership abilities, and excellence in program data and outcomes. This opportunity is reserved for specialists who consistently demonstrate a high level of commitment to the JAG model and who positively impact students both inside and outside the classroom.

The EDGE Training Seminar, formerly known as the National Training Seminar (NTS), is one of the premier professional development experiences offered within the national JAG network. EDGE stands for excellence, development, growth, and engagement and focuses on cutting-edge career development strategies, leadership training, classroom innovation, student engagement techniques, and best practices from top-performing JAG programs across the country.

During the conference, Amanda will participate in advanced professional learning sessions led by national experts and experienced JAG professionals. She will collaborate with specialists from across the United States, gaining new ideas, instructional strategies, and innovative approaches that can be brought back and implemented within her classroom and program in Woodford County.

The conference will also provide opportunities for:

- Advanced leadership development
- Innovative classroom and student engagement strategies
- Career readiness and workforce preparation techniques
- Data-driven program improvement practices
- Networking and collaboration with nationally recognized JAG programs
- Exposure to emerging trends in education, employability skills, and student support services

Amanda's selection reflects the outstanding work taking place within the Woodford County JAG program and the positive impact she continues to make on students each day. Her dedication to student success, strong leadership, and commitment to the JAG mission made her an excellent representative for Kentucky at this national event.

JAG Kentucky will cover Amanda's hotel accommodations and conference registration fees as part of this professional development opportunity and investment in continued program excellence.

We are excited for Amanda to represent JAG Kentucky at EDGE and look forward to the knowledge, strategies, and leadership experiences she will bring back to continue strengthening opportunities for students in Woodford County and across the state.



Agenda

Monday, July 13 (JAG Network Only)

JAG FIRST | EDGE Begins with JAG from Day One

Continuing the Launchpad tradition, the first day of EDGE is dedicated to professional learning and connection for the JAG network and guests, followed by the JAG Achievement Awards Ceremony.

Registration Open

7AM - 1PM

Breakfast

7AM - 8AM

Launchpad Welcome

8AM - 8:30AM

Launchpad Sessions

These tracks offer focused training sessions tailored for specific roles and areas of interest within JAG, ensuring participants gain practical skills and knowledge relevant to their work.

Track 1: New specialists

Track 2: New managers

Track 3: JAG Advantage

Track 4: JAG Technologies

Track 5: JAG Alumni / Innovations

8:30AM - 12PM

Lunch

12PM - 1PM

Launchpad Sessions

Track 1: New specialists

Track 2: New managers

Track 3: JAG Advantage

Track 4: JAG Technologies

Track 5: Alumni / Innovations

Track 6: What is JAG

1PM - 4:30PM

JAG Legacy Awards Celebration

5PM - 7:30PM

Tuesday, July 14

EDGE: Reimagining Work + Learning

The "EDGE Accelerator"

Get a head start on your day with coffee and networking in the Expo Hall

7:30AM - 9AM

EDGE Expo Open

8AM - 5PM

Step up to the EDGE: Plenary 1

Re-igniting the passion for student accountability and excellence.

Keynote: Coach Ken Carter

9AM - 10:15AM

JAG State Affiliate Leaders Meeting

10:30AM - 12PM

Block 1: Choose Your Own Adventure

- Workshops
- Labs – (People Co-Building) Sketch Note, AI-Generated Report
- Sandbox
- Alumni Network Workshop (Officer Led)

10:30AM - 12PM

Networking Lunch

Boxed Lunch Provided

12PM - 1:30PM

Block 2: Choose Your Own Adventure

- Workshops
- Labs
- Sandbox

1:30PM - 2:30PM

Break

2:30PM - 3PM

Block 3: Choose Your Own Adventure

- Workshops
- Labs
- Sandbox
- Immersion Activity (3 – 5:30pm)

3PM - 4PM

Block 4: Choose Your Own Adventure

- Immersion Activity (continued)
- Networking, Knowledge Exchange, and Community Building (Rural/Urban Educators, Apprenticeships, Specialists, Career Association, etc.)

4:15PM - 5:30PM

Celebrating Creativity; California Style!

with Food Trucks, Movies, Music, and Creative Collaborations.

6PM - 8PM

Wednesday, July 15

EDGE: Skills That Move the World

The "EDGE Accelerator"

Get a head start on your day with coffee and networking in the Expo Hall

7:30AM - 9AM

EDGE Expo Open

8AM - 5PM

Step up to the EDGE: Plenary 2

The Future of Work, Navigating Generational Gaps in the Workforce

Keynote: Professor Fernando Garibay, The Garibay Institute

9AM - 10:15AM

Block 5: Choose Your Own Adventure

- Workshops
- Labs
- Sandbox
- JAG Alumni Community Building

10:30AM - 12PM

Networking Lunch

Boxed Lunch Provided

12PM - 1:30PM

Block 6: Choose Your Own Adventure

- Workshops
- Labs
- Sandbox

1:30PM - 2:30PM

Break

2:30PM - 3PM

Block 7: Choose Your Own Adventure

- Workshops
- Labs
- Sandbox
- Immersion Activity (3 – 5:30pm)

3PM - 4PM

Block 8: Work Sessions

- Immersion Activity (continued)
- Networking, Knowledge Exchange, and Community Building (10x JAG, Building a Green Jobs Pipeline, Engaging Alumni Networks, Adapting to AI Futures, etc.)

4:PM - 5:30PM

TBD: La Lucha Movie Screening and Panel Discussion

Hosted by JAG CA

5:30PM - 7PM

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Thursday, July 16

EDGE: Powering People & Possibility

The "EDGE Accelerator"

Get a head start on your day with coffee and networking in the Expo Hall

Governor Albert Bryan, Jr., U.S. Virgin Islands

7:30AM - 9AM

Step up to the EDGE: Plenary 3

featuring Keynote Speaker Governor Albert Bryan, Jr., U.S. Virgin Islands

8AM - 9AM

Block 9: Choose Your Own Adventure

- Workshops
- Labs
- Sandbox

9:15AM - 10:15AM

Closing Plenary

10:30 – 10:45 – Jason Van Leuken Speaking

10:45 – 11:15 – Panel (TBD)

11:15 – 12:00 pm Closing & invite to post-conference and virtual
encore screening of Multiple Choice

10:30AM - 12PM

Optional Post-Conference Activities

Los Angeles Area Working Session

12:30PM - 3PM

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