# Preliminary Program



**November 8–11, 2025** Omni Austin Hotel Downtown, Austin, TX



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From the Desk of NCEA PRESIDENT/CEC

## DR. STEVEN F. CHEESEMAN

June 30, 2025

Dear Catholic School Principals and Presidents,

I am so excited to invite you to the inaugural School Building Leader Summit in Austin, TX. This milestone gathering of Catholic elementary and high school principals and presidents from across the country begins with the New Building Leader Academy, November 8-9, and continues with the School Building Leader Summit, November 9-11.

This year's theme, *Called to Be*, is a reminder that you have been purposefully chosen by God to be a leader in Catholic education. To support you as you live out this calling, the Summit will seek to help you build a personal and professional peer network and will focus on the multifaceted responsibilities of this vocation. In creating the programming and content for this summit, we recognize that:

You are **Called to Be a Collaborative Leader**, cultivating strong relationships with your school community, governing bodies, parishes, and diocesan offices. These connections are the foundation of long-term sustainability and faithful innovation.

You are **Called to Be a Strategic Leader**, stewarding the practical realities of enrollment, advancement, and sustainability. From crafting sound financial models to leveraging new tools for improved communication and decision-making, your leadership helps secure the future of Catholic education.

You are **Called to Be an Instructional Leader**, ensuring that every student, including those with special needs, receives the support they need to thrive. You use data to shape instruction, guide professional development, and pursue academic excellence rooted in gospel values.

And most importantly, you are **Called to Be a Spiritual Leader**, bringing the mission of Catholic education to life each day. Your witness helps foster a Catholic identity rooted in faith and charism, and you support faculty and staff in becoming true partners with parents in the faith formation of every child.

Throughout these days, I hope you will find time for thoughtful conversation, practical learning, and spiritual renewal. This Summit is designed to engage you in meaningful dialogue, empower you with tools for growth, and inspire you for the road ahead on this shared mission. Please find more information at **www.NCEA.org/Building**.

On behalf of the NCEA team, thank you for answering the call to lead. I hope you will accept this invitation to strengthen your vocation and be reminded that you are never alone in this mission.

May God bless each of you, and may Our Lady shower our Catholic schools with Her maternal care. I look forward to seeing you this fall in Austin.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Steven F. Cheeseman NCEA President/CEO



## NCEA NEW BUILDING LEADER ACADEMY

Schedule as of July 1, 2025. The schedule is not final and subject to change. Activities occur at the Omni Austin Hotel Downtown in Austin, TX. Please check www.NCEA.org/Building for the latest information.

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8 AM – 5 PM Badge Pick-up

10 – 10:45 AM Welcome Remarks and Introductions

SAN JACINTO

10:45 - 11:30 AM Called to Be a Spiritual Leader

#### SAN JACINTO

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Lunch

CAMPUS TOUR

12:30 – 1 PM Called to Be a Spiritual Leader Continued

SAN JACINTO

1 – 1:15 PM Networking Break

FOYER, LEVEL ONE

1:15 – 2:30 PM Administrator's Survival Guide

2:30 – 2:45 PM Networking Break

2:45 – 3:45 PM Called to Be a Collaborative Leader SAN JACINTO

3:45 – 4 PM Networking Break FOYER, LEVEL ONE

4 – 5 PM Called to Be an Instructional Leader

**5 – 6 PM** Break

FOYER, LEVEL ONE

6 - 7:30 PM Welcome Dinner

#### TBA

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8 – 9 AM Breakfast

8 AM – 12 PM Badge Pick-up

LOBBY, LEVEL ONE

9 – 9:50 AMEarn Maximum Federal EducationBenefits - Title Services

SAN JACINTO

9:50 – 10:05 AM Networking Break

10:05 – 11 AM What I'd Tell My 27-Year-Old Self About Being an Effective Catholic School Leader

SAN JACINTO

11 – 11:15 AM Networking Break

LOBBY, LEVEL ONE

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM Called to Be a Strategic Leader

SAN JACINTO

12:15 – 12:45 PM Closing Remarks

SAN JACINTO

## Schedule at a Glance

## NCEA SCHOOL BUILDING LEADER SUMMIT

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#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

5 – 6 PM School Building Leader Summit Opening Mass NCEA staff will be available in the lobby of

the hotel at 4:45 PM to direct you to the church.

SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

**6:30 – 8 PM** School Building Leader Summit Welcome Dinner

#### ATRIUM

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8 – 9 AM Morning Liturgy SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

**8 – 10 AM** Badge Pick-up

BRIDGE FOYER, LEVEL TWO

**9 – 9:45 AM** Breakfast

BRIDGE BALLROOM

**10 AM** Departure for Google Education Important: Attendees must bring photo identification.

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10:30 AM – 5:00 PM Sessions and Networking

**GOOGLE EDUCATION FACILITY** 

5:15 PM Departure for Omni Austin Hotel Downtown

**GOOGLE EDUCATION FACILITY** 

6 PM Evening Activities

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8 – 8:45 AM Morning Liturgy SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

8 – 10 AM Badge Pick-up BRIDGE FOYER, LEVEL TWO

**9 – 9:45 AM** Breakfast

BRIDGE BALLROOM

**10 – 11 AM** Session One

**11 – 11:15 AM** Networking Break

BRIDGE FOYER

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM Session Two **12:15 - 1:15 PM** Lunch

SAN JACINTO

1:15 - 2:15 PM Session Three

2:15 – 2:30 PM Networking Break

BRIDGE FOYER

2:30 - 3:30 PM Session Four

3:30 – 3:45 PM Networking Break

**BRIDGE FOYER** 

3:45 – 4:15 PM Wrap-up and Closing Remarks BRIDGE BALLROOM

> Google for Education

## Called to Be AN INNOVATED LEADER AT GOOGLE EDUCATION

Monday, November 10, 2025

Spend a day at Google Education learning from experts in the field.

10:30 – 11 AM	Welcome Remarks
11 AM – 12 PM	General Session
12 – 12:15 PM	Networking Break
12:15 – 1 PM	You've Been "CRashed":
1 – 1:45 PM 1:45 – 2:45 PM 2:45 – 3 PM 3 – 3:50 PM 4 – 5 PM	Cultivating Trust in Collaborative Leadership Lunch Leverage AI to Enhance Your Leadership Networking Break Updates in Public Policy Your NCEA Support and Resources



### FEES | TERMS & CONDITIONS

#### November 8-9 | New Building Leader Academy

Launching in conjunction with the School Building Leader Summit, the New Building Leader Academy is designed for principals and presidents at the beginning of their leadership journey. This two-day experience offers sessions focused on the essential roles of Catholic school leadership: spiritual, collaborative, instructional, and strategic. Participants will engage in collaborative learning, shared meals, and meaningful networking opportunities that foster community and support. Rooted in mission-driven leadership, this academy equips new leaders with tools and insights to lead with confidence and clarity. Attendees are encouraged to stay for the full School Building Leader Summit to deepen relationships and extend their professional growth.

#### November 9-11 | School Building Leader Summit

School leaders are called to be mission-driven, future-focused, and grounded in purpose. The School Building Leader Summit is designed for principals and presidents committed to shaping schools for lasting impact. Through practical sessions led by trusted experts, this summit will help you strengthen your team, align daily decisions with long-term goals, and build a sustainable, mission-centered culture. Come ready to engage, reflect, and connect with your NCEA community.

Member Rate	Early Bird (April 21–July 15)	Regular (July 16–October 31)
Academy Only	\$250	\$250
School Building Leader Summit	\$475	\$600
Academy and School Building Leader Summit	\$725	\$725
Non-Member Rate	Early Bird (April 21–July 15)	Regular (July 16–October 31)
Academy Only	\$250	\$250
School Building Leader Summit	\$600	\$800
Academy and School Building Leader Summit	\$800	\$1,000
REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT CLO NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO ONSITE R	EGISTRATION OFFERED.	

#### **REGISTER BY JULY 15, 2025 TO RECEIVE THE EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT.**

Important: Attendees must bring photo identification to participate in the Google Education sessions.

REGISTER NOW

#### 2025 School Building Leader Summit Terms & Conditions

- Payment is due upon receipt of invoice. Send checks payable to NCEA, PO Box 222432, Chantilly, VA 20153-2432.
- To ensure proper credit, please be sure to include the name of the attendee and/or order number in the memo
  of the check.
- Purchase Orders will be accepted until October 1, 2025. As of October 2, 2025, only checks or credit cards will be accepted.
- Fees associated with tickets to any special event must be paid in full prior to or upon arrival at SBLS 2025. If there is an outstanding balance for special event tickets, you may not be allowed to attend the special event.
- Schools will be responsible for all registration fees if payment is not made by the local educational agency (LEA) by December 31, 2025.
- Registration fees do not include hotel accommodations.
- Please send cancellation requests to <u>events@ncea.org</u>. Individuals requesting a refund prior to or on August 31, 2025, will receive a full refund, requests made between September 1, 2025, and September 30, 2025, will receive a refund of 50% of the fees. Refunds will not be granted after October 1, 2025.
- Cancellation of registration does not constitute cancellation of a hotel room. Please be sure to handle both separately.
- No one under the age of 18 is permitted to attend SBLS 2025.
- Attendees are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner and agree to accept responsibility for their actions while at an NCEA event. Please speak with an NCEA staff member if anyone is acting inappropriately at an NCEA event.
- Any individual who is soliciting business in public spaces or is in violation of the event venue's rules and regulations will be asked to leave immediately.
- Please bring your registration confirmation with you for check-in.
- Attendees will be charged a \$25 fee to reproduce any name badge that has been misplaced onsite.





### **OMNI AUSTIN HOTEL DOWNTOWN**

\$269 per night 700 San Jacinto at 8th St Austin, Texas, 78701

#### **Terms and Conditions**

- Cancellation Policy: Cancel 48 hours prior to arrival to avoid penalty.
- Guarantee & Deposit Policy: Deposit is due at time of booking.
- Taxes & Charges: Tax not included 6% State Occupancy Tax, 11% City Occupancy Tax, 1.5% Texas Recovery Fee, 6% TXRF State Occupancy Tax, 11% TXRF City Occupancy Tax
- All reservations must be guaranteed by a valid major credit card, which must be supplied at the time of booking.
- Any guaranteed reservation not cancelled 48 hours prior to arrival will be subject to one night room and tax cancellation fee.
- To guarantee your reservation, a refundable one-night room and tax deposit will be taken at the time of booking.
- The name on the credit card must match the guest checking into the hotel. If the credit card that will be used for payment will not be physically present at check in or the credit card holder will not be staying at the hotel, please call the hotel directly (512) 476-3700 for an online credit card authorization form. Payment must be completed 7 days prior to arrival date and we reserve the right to deny authorization for any reason.





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This letter is to request approval to attend the NCEA School Building Leader Summit, which will take place November 8-11, 2025, at the Omni Austin Hotel Downtown in Austin, TX.

This inaugural event invites elementary and secondary principals and presidents to explore innovative leadership strategies, best practices, and key challenges in Catholic school leadership. The School Building Leader Summit is designed for principals and presidents committed to shaping schools for lasting impact. Attending professional development and networking with other leaders will help me continue to grow as a professional. There will be three general sessions, and over 20 professional development sessions in the areas of: Collaborative Leadership, Spiritual Leadership, Strategic Leadership, and Instructional Leadership.

I hope to attend these sessions: \_\_\_\_\_

Because: \_\_\_\_\_

I am seeking funding to cover registration, travel, lodging, and other daily expenses.

Here is the breakdown of my School Building Leader Summit 2025 attendance expenses:

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Registration fees for the Summit increase on July 15, 2025. I have detailed the cost breakdown above and estimated the cost of my attendance to be \_\_\_\_\_\_. I appreciate your support.

Thank you for your consideration,





Invited Sessions as of July 1, 2025 Please check www.NCEA.org/Building for the latest information.

## Called to Lead: Empowering Spiritual Leadership in Hispanic/Latino Catholic Education

Hispanic/Latino communities are a vibrant and growing presence in Catholic schools across the United States. This workshop explores the unique vocation of spiritual leadership within the context of teacher, administrator or pastoral minister. Participants will reflect on their personal call to lead with faith, examine cultural and pastoral strategies to engage Hispanic/Latino families and explore models of spiritual leadership rooted in scripture, Catholic social teaching and the witness of Latino saints. Practical tools and strategies will be shared to help foster inclusive, faith-filled school environments that nurture both academic excellence and cultural belonging.

#### NSBECS DOMAIN: MISSION AND CATHOLIC IDENTITY

## Charism is the Cure: Reclaiming Catholic Identity to Renew and Revitalize Our Schools

As Catholic schools face identity loss and the threat of closure, spiritual leadership rooted in charism offers a transformative path forward. This session presents a bold yet proven solution: return to your roots. Many schools have drifted from the charism of their founding orders or lost sight of their Catholic identity. Through a real-life case study-St. John Notre Dame School's five-year journey toward reaffiliation with the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur-participants will explore how to rediscover their founding story, engage staff and families in formation and bring Catholic identity to life in daily culture. Grounded in Dr. Timothy Cook's research on charism and culture and informed by guest lectures at LMU's Catholic School Leadership Academy, this session offers practical tools for restoring identity, faith and vitality.

NSBECS DOMAIN: MISSION AND CATHOLIC IDENTITY

#### Hiring for Mission: Building Teams that Evangelize, Educate, and Endure

Hiring for mission is critical to building schools that evangelize, educate, and endure. This session will equip principals and presidents with current, practical, and innovative strategies to recruit, interview, and retain staff who are committed to the mission. Participants will explore essential competencies for mission-fit candidates, collaborate on creating mission-centered interview practices and develop an actionable hiring plan. Learn how hiring intentionally strengthens both spiritual and strategic leadership and secures the future of Catholic education.

NSBECS DOMAIN: GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

## How to Work In Partnership with Difficult or Challenging Parents

This session gives principals a fresh, new toolbox for handling a difficult or challenging parent with compassion, confidence, and grace. Takeaways include: the five (5) types of challenging parents; why some parents bully the school and how to turn their frustration into trust; tips for documentation and follow-up that makes everyone feel heard and respected; how to avoid the typical mistakes many administrators make when dealing with an angry parent; how to handle "not my child" denial; what to do when a parent blindsides a teacher; expectation management—what it is and why it's vital; navigating parent cliques and social media drama; scripted verbiage, email templates, and other time savers.

This session will show participants how to transform a tense situation with a parent into an opportunity to build a productive, rewarding partnership that enriches the school, the student, and the parish.

NSBECS DOMAIN: MISSION AND CATHOLIC IDENTITY



#### Leading Evangelizing Communities: How Principals Can Use the New USCCB Religious Education Goals to Partner with Parents and Faculty in Forming Student Faith

Last year, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Subcommittee on the Catechism formally approved the new Handbook on the Catechetical Accompaniment Process. This document, which replaces the former USCCB Conformity Protocol for religious education curricula, outlines goals for religious education programs in both Catholic schools and parishes. This session will describe the movement from purely contentoriented objectives to goals that span three domains: Cognitive (concepts to be learned), Interior Life (attitudes and dispositions to be fostered), and Behavioral (action steps to living and sharing the faith—at home, at school and in the larger community). Come and learn about this new blueprint for building and growing a cohesive and robust Catholic identity in your school.

#### NSBECS DOMAIN: MISSION AND CATHOLIC IDENTITY

#### **Supporting Teachers for Faith Integration**

One key element of a robust Catholic identity for our schools is having the faith well integrated across the curriculum. Very few of our teachers, however, have received any formal training for this task. When we ask them to teach everything from a Catholic point of view, they can feel overwhelmed, unqualified, and even skeptical. Their questions deserve real answers. The good news is that their good questions have good answers. And when their questions are taken seriously, sometimes even your biggest skeptic can become a leader.

Consider the questions your teachers have about faith integration so that you can support their efforts to teach every subject through the lens of our Catholic faith.

#### NSBECS DOMAIN: MISSION AND CATHOLIC IDENTITY



## Called to Be A COLLABORATIVE LEADER

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#### In This Together

The daily grind of a school leader is filled with joys and challenges. The pressures from the culture, diocese, families, teachers, and students pull them in many directions and it can often feel as if nothing ever really gets done. Not to mention the expectations of making sure the identity is central to the mission which rests in the people hired and how they manage the daily grind of the classroom and their respective positions.

This session will focus on leading the people entrusted to your care, so they feel accompanied and are ready to support the school's mission. It will include implementing foundational pillars in virtue education, which impacts the school culture, the social and emotional well-being of the students, as well as preventive discipline rooted in faith and reason. All these elements enrich your school culture in a manner that is not perceived as "one more thing."

NSBECS DOMAIN: MISSION AND CATHOLIC IDENTITY

#### Mastering the Art of Difficult Conversations

In the dynamic environment of education, challenging conversations are inevitable—whether with coworkers, parents, or even students. This professional development session equips teachers and school leaders with practical, research-backed strategies to approach these tough discussions with intention and confidence. By integrating faith-based principles, participants will learn practical techniques to foster transparent communication, resolve conflicts, and strengthen relationships within their school communities. Join us to build the communication skills necessary for turning difficult conversations into opportunities for growth and collaboration. Seats are limited—join us and turn every difficult conversation into a powerful opportunity for growth, trust, and transformation.

NSBECS DOMAIN: GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

#### Screenagers Growing Up in the Digital Age

Smartwatches are showing up in elementary schools just as smart phones showed up in middle and high schools almost 15 years ago. Digital interaction is an integral part of daily life for today's youth. Al-driven content shapes opinions and behaviors in unprecedented ways. These innovations offer countless opportunities, but they also present risks, especially for students. Cyberbullying, digital addiction, misinformation, and exposure to inappropriate content are some of the dangers today's kids face. Screenagers brings these issues into focus with real-world insights and research-driven discussions, equipping teachers, principals, administrators, and adolescents with the necessary tools to make informed decisions. Screenagers demystifies the impact of digital engagement, helping students develop a healthy relationship with technology rather than becoming consumed by it.

#### NSBECS DOMAIN: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE





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#### Diving Into Data: Unlocking Academic Excellence in Catholic Schools

Let's dive into data-driven instruction! As demonstrated in recent National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) scores, Catholic schools have continued to experience growth and achievement. Students, especially in today's Catholic school classrooms, have varied needs and interests. The challenge for Catholic school educators is first to identify those areas of need and strength, but then to have the resources and tools to address those areas in a way that honors each student's background and interests. In this collaborative session, we will look at assessment strategies, as well as reports and resources that incorporate Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles. We will also discuss the practical aspects of finding time within the learning environment to reach and engage every learner. We will focus on strategies that transcend platforms and programs.

NSBECS DOMAIN: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

#### Empowering Every Learner: Building a Sustainable MTSS Framework in Catholic Schools

How can school leaders ensure that every studentregardless of academic, behavioral or social-emotional needs-receives the support necessary to thrive? At St. Austin Catholic School in Austin, TX, a strong Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) has been cultivated over 15 years to do just that. Rooted in the mission of forming the whole child, the model integrates data-driven practices, differentiated instruction and strategic scheduling within a faith-filled environment. Through early identification using universal screeners, educators provide timely, targeted support. Teachers use Universal Design for Learning (UDL) to ensure access for all learners. A collaborative faculty culture, supported by professional development and outside specialists, strengthens the system. This session provides leaders with practical strategies to build sustainable, missiondriven MTSS frameworks.

NSBECS DOMAIN: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

#### Supercharging Tier 1 Instruction: Strategies to Get More Growth from All Students, in All Subjects, at All Levels

You've probably heard the saying, "You can't intervene your way out of a Tier 1 problem." This is certainly true given that strong core instruction is the foundation of any effective MTSS implementation. Yet, few schools meet the age-old rule-of-thumb of 80 percent of students progressing appropriately solely with Tier 1 services. There's a proven way to radically improve both student performance and motivation that goes overlooked by too many schools. It has been proven effective with students of all ages and across all subjects repeatedly worldwide and it's even highly cost-effective. This session will focus on research-based strategies to supercharge daily instruction that can be implemented at any grade level and in any content area.

#### NSBECS DOMAIN: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

#### The Heart of the Matter: Inclusionary Approaches in Catholic Schools

So much of the work on educating students with disabilities is focused on resources (or the lack thereof). Yes, resources are critical, but this focus may be missing the mark. The education of the student with a disability is not only about that student, but it is about the other students in the class and the ability to help them grow in understanding the life and dignity of the human person. This session will focus on the process of mapping the journey to build capacity to educate students with disabilities. A critical element of this presentation will be on building the knowledge and skills and the foundational spiritual elements that are requisite for the entire school community.

NSBECS DOMAIN: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

## Called to Be A STRATEGIC LEADER

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#### Creating a Written Strategic Plan for Development/Advancement

Building on content from the new NCEA book (June 2025), "The Cadence of Catholic School Development," this presentation will show attendees how to create their own written plan for development/advancement. This plan will be built around the six major components of development: 1. Constituent Records; 2. Communications; 3. Enrollment Management; 4. Fund Development; 5. Alum Involvement; 6. Fund/Friend-Raising Events. A prototype will be provided where school leaders will be able to identify their challenges, create strategic solutions, understand best practices and establish the metrics to make sure the plan stays on track.

#### NSBECS DOMAIN: OPERATIONAL VITALITY

#### Mission-Driven Growth: Aligning Enrollment Strategy with Financial Stewardship

Sustainable Catholic school leadership requires a unified approach to enrollment and budgeting. In this session, participants will learn how to develop strategic enrollment plans that are directly aligned with financial forecasting and resource allocation. Explore tools to track key data, anticipate demographic trends, and engage stakeholders in mission-driven decision-making that ensures long-term viability and faith-filled growth.

NSBECS DOMAIN: OPERATIONAL VITALITY

#### Not Just Another Check in the Box: Leveraging the School Accreditation Process to Support Strategic Planning and Continuous School Improvement

For many school leaders, accreditation is viewed as a necessary but burdensome task, often disconnected from broader strategic goals—a box to check rather than a meaningful process. However, when embraced as an opportunity for reflection and growth, accreditation becomes a powerful tool to shape a school's future. This presentation will help leaders rethink accreditation as more than a compliance exercise, positioning it as a key part of their strategic leadership. The session will show how the process reveals strengths and areas for improvement and can guide planning to meet evolving community needs. Strategic leaders must move beyond reporting to engage deeply with accreditation data. When integrated into the planning cycle, accreditation drives sustainability, enhances student outcomes, and builds ownership among faculty, staff, students, and parents.

#### NSBECS DOMAIN: GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

#### Show Me the Money:

## Understanding the Consultation Process and the Rights of Private Schools Under the Federal ESSA Legislation

Navigating the federal grant programs can be difficult and confusing. Are your getting all the services and resources allowable by law? Trying to understand the hundreds of pages of federal guidance, completing endless paperwork required for participation, being told this is all you get without understanding why, and asking yourself is it worth all the headache can make the Title program experience overwhelming.

#### **NSBECS DOMAIN: OPERATIONAL VITALITY**

#### Start a Better Board: Building the Catholic School Board Your Mission Deserves

Building and sustaining an effective board is critical to the strategic success of any school. Yet many leaders are uncertain about how to assess their board's structure or where to begin building and strengthening it. This session offers a roadmap, equipping leaders to identify their type of board, understand the critical role of bylaws, and apply practical tools like board matrices, committee charters, meeting agendas, and cycle-of-meetings templates to launch and sustain a high-functioning board. Participants will engage with interactive polling, video insights, and discussion opportunities to allow participants to apply learning to their own settings. Leaders will leave with concrete resources and actionable next steps for starting, or restarting, a better board grounded in mission and best practices.

#### NSBECS DOMAIN: GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

#### Utilizing School Choice Scholarship Programs in Admissions Strategies to Maximize Enrollment

This session will focus on how building-level school leaders can assess, plan, and adjust admissions and enrollment strategies to raise interest among families and spur enrollment in their schools using school choice scholarships. Best practices will be discussed, samples and strategies will be shared, and data will be presented to give school leaders perspective on what has had the greatest impact on enrollment around the country.

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## **REGISTER NOW**