



Thursday, September 24, 2026 Pre Conference Breakout Sessions

	Drury Kendrick: Finance	Drury O'Leary: Finance	HCCC Ponderosa: Facilities	HCCC Aspen: Facilities	
Session I: 1:00 pm - 1:50 pm	Bond and Override Elections Compliance - Bryan Lundberg	Securing School Facilities Division Funding for Critical Repairs - Caroline Brackney	Alternative Vehicle Transportation - Jason Nelson	Learning from Active Violence Events - Kaylee Sorenson	
Session II: 2:00 pm - 2:50 pm	School Capital Legislative Update - Randie Stein	Improving Indoor Air Quality Through Preventive Maintenance in K-12 Schools - Barbara U'ren	Playground Safety and Hazard Recognition - Alex Pierson	Strengthening School Safety Through Countywide Collaboration - Dr. Jacqui Clay	
Session III: 3:00 pm - 3:50 pm	Arizona School Finance - Bryan Lundberg	Stop Water Before it Stops You: Quick Action for School Safety - Brett Freet	Doing More With What You Have: Financial Strategy for Rural School Districts	School Facilities Division: Navigating the Building Renewal Grant Program - Shawn Masel	

Friday, September 25, 2026 Conference Breakout Sessions

	Drury Kendrick: Teacher Practice	Drury O'Leary: Student Programs/CTE	1899 Angel Bright: Leadership	1899 Clear Creek: Community	1899 Grand View: Technology
Session I: 9:45 am - 10:30 am	From Research to Rural Classrooms: Bringing the Science of Reading to Life - Melanie Schneider	Stronger Together: NAU and CTE Building Teachers at TARIAT - Dr. Ali Conant/Michelle Perey	Think First, Spend Smarter: Rural School Decisions - Dr. Richard Ramos	Building Capacity Through Partnerships for County Wide Impact: Cochise County - Jacqui Clay & Tracy Beal	AI in Education Leadership - Barbara Remondini
Session II: 10:35 am - 11:20 am	Teacher of the Year: Elevating Excellence in Rural Arizona - Ty White	Everybody Loves Opportunities: Expanding Rural Access to Dual Enrollment in Ray USD - Rebecca Brewer	The Rural Superintendancy: Brought to You by the Letter H - Christa DalMolin	Strengthening Rural School Safety Through Community Collaboration - Cynthia Garcia	Four Futures, One Roadmap: Implementing Arizona's New AI Guidance - Kristin Turner
Session III: 11:25 am - 12:15 pm	Leveraging AI to Power Up PLCs in Small and Rural Schools - A.J Taylor/Ildi Laczko-Kerr	Expanding Access to Strengthen Rural Education- Arizona Rural Collective - Audrey Garcia	Permission Granted: Redesigning Learning for Arizona's Future Graduates - Chad Geston/Andi Furlis	Chino Valley Teacherages Story – Breaking the Mystery - Carolyn Stewart/John Scholl (Ret.)	AI Productivity for K-12 Educators: Tips and Tricks with Claude, ChatGPT, and Gemini - Dr. Nan Williams
Session IV: 2:15pm - 3:00 pm	Local Talent, Lasting Support: Growing Rural Educators - Jessica Dirks	From Access to Arrival: Supporting FG-LI and Rural Students in Their First Semester - Biridiana Rodriguez	Creating Organizational Vision to Core Values - Dr. Joe Farnsworth	From Idea to Impact: Starting, Funding, or Growing a Quality Afterschool Program in Rural Arizona - Jessica Flowers	RAISE-ing the bar: Lessons from Rural Leaders - Richard Ramos/LeeAnn Lindsey
Session V: 3:05 pm - 3:50 pm	Beyond the Clock: Reimagining Screen Time for Learning Excellence - Nan Williams	What's Possible? Redefining Career Exposure in Rural Education - Stephanie Miller	Where Have All the Teachers Gone (and can we get those left to STAY)? - Sean Rickert	Building Safe & Supported Rural Schools Through a Comprehensive School Safety Framework - Rebecca Astoga	Sustainable Sports Lighting: Balancing Performance and Environmental Impact - Chris Knutsen
Session VI: 4:15 pm - 5:00 pm	Connecting Students Through the Power of Arizona's History - Kristen Rex	Leveling Up: Capitalizing on students interest (and potential addiction to) gaming - Christa DalMolin	Bringing Authentic Research to Your School - Ty White	Grad Partnerships: Student Success Teams - Kristin Turner/Jaime Festa-Daigle	