

MoASSP/MCCTA Fall Conference Breakout Session Preview

10:15 – 11:05 - Breakout Sessions I

Session 1 - Addressing the Opioid Dilemma through Comprehensive School Mental Health at the Secondary Level

Secondary school leaders are pivotal in preventing and addressing the growing opioid dilemma in our schools. This presentation will describe current efforts to equip Missouri schools with the knowledge and resources they need to address this component of a comprehensive school mental health program.

Presenter: Melissa Maras, University of Missouri

Session 2 - Fostering a Positive Climate with Collaborative Leadership

Collective Teacher Efficacy tops John Hattie's list of influences affecting student achievement. How do school leaders develop teachers' efficacy and, in turn, their commitment, resilience, and effectiveness as instructors? Join administrators from Carl Junction High School in a discussion about building teachers' capacity to collaborate, evaluate their own instructional practices, and take control of their own professional growth.

Presenters: Theresa Wilson, Carl Junction

Session 3 - You Got the Job. NOW WHAT???

Contract signed? Check. Keys to the building? Check. Name on the office door? Check. Now what? Effective leadership is not something that just happens. It takes, well, practice. Come learn how Missouri's Leadership Development System (MLDS) can make a difference in your career. There is an alternative to trial and error.

Presenter: Jim Masters, Director, Educator Evaluation and Training, Office of Educator Quality, DESE

Session 4 - The Power of Courageous Conversations

Having open, honest conversations with your counselor and other stakeholders can turn a good school into a stellar one. Learn the essentials of consistent formal and informal structures and processes supporting ongoing collaborative conversations. Hear a principal/school counselor duo describe how their conversations led to better understanding and an award-winning school counseling program.

Presenters: Shari Sevier, MSCA, Director of Advocacy, Clark Mershon, MoASSP Executive Director & Jennifer Grossman, Staley High School, Lead Counselor

Session 5 - Distributing Leadership to our Students: A Story from Blue Springs South

Our high school's ongoing story of how a very diverse group of student leaders is rallying together to address challenging issues such as diversity, tolerance, academic culture and emotional health.

Presenter: Charlie Belt, Principal, Blue Springs South High School

Session 6 - MSIP Update

Participants will learn of proposed changes to the MSIP process, and possible directions for the future.

Presenters: Kevin Freeman, Director, School Improvement, Office of Quality Schools, and Chris Neale, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Quality Schools, DESE

Session 7 - Biomed externships in the Greater KC Region—a collaborative effort of our Consortium, Pathways and Business Partners

Over a two-year period, we have coordinated a region wide effort to engage Biomed teachers in an intensive teacher externship during the summer. The purpose was to increase understanding of the academic preparation necessary and admission requirements and selection procedures for health professions; to increase effective communication of relevant information from post-secondary and industry to secondary health science classrooms; and to provide health science teachers contact with current students and professionals in health care. We want to share our program, the results and then how you may be able to accomplish something similar in your region.

Presenter: Aaron Smith, ISD CTE Coordinator & Linda Washburn, CEC Consortium Director

Session 8 - Hybrid CTE Programs and Industry Based Learning

Hybrid CTE Programs or Industry Based Training Programs are a mesh between typical CTE Course Options and Special Education classes. These options are available to all students but target students with and IEP, 504, or other barriers that may keep them from being accepted into typical CTE offerings. Gain insight on the history of these programs, how they are built, staffed, and enrolled. This session is appropriate for CTE Directors and Main Stream Building Principals.

Presenters: Jake Lohse, Kevin Andert, Emily Degenhardt, South Technical High School

11:15 – 12:05 - Breakout Sessions II

Session 9 - Trauma-Informed Secondary Leadership

Missouri secondary school leaders are building capacity to strengthen and support trauma-informed schools. This presentation will draw upon examples from local MO schools to provide school leaders practical strategies to strengthen trauma-informed efforts in their schools.

Presenter: Melissa Maras, University of Missouri

Session 10 - Principals, You Have the Power to Influence Policy!

Policymakers in Washington, D.C. and Jefferson City are making decisions every day that affect your schools, and the voice of school leaders must be heard. Whether it's education funding, school accountability, or educator quality, very few legislators have your knowledge about how key votes will impact your students. At this session, you will learn how to engage in policy conversations at the federal and state levels and arm yourself with the tools to become an effective advocate.

Presenter: Amanda Karhuse, Director of Advocacy, NASSP

Session 11 - Unleash Talent for You, Staff Members and Students!

Talent is underrated. In our school systems, we see our students as talented, but often do not reflect those same thoughts when it comes to ourselves as adults. We often fail to recognize that we as staff members and teachers are the heart of the school; Our talents, strengths, and passions are just as valuable and precious as our students. Just as we teach and reach the whole student, we need to teach and reach the whole adult. Therefore, we need to start finding, noticing, appreciating, embracing, and supporting the talents that our ADULT learners have. Not only will this radically change the school system by boosting teacher retention and happiness, but it will positively shift the way we interact and teach alongside students. No matter what your role is in education, we each have talents waiting to be awakened.

This keynote/session is based on Kara's book, *Unleash Talent: Bringing out the Best in Yourself and the Learners you Serve*. Based on what you or your group needs, this keynote/session can be centered on how to bring out the talent in all parties, or it can focus on a singular group: Yourself, Staff, Teachers, or Students!

Presenter: Kara Knollmeyer

Session 12 - Culture Wins Out! - 7 Steps to Building a Positive School Culture

Without a positive school culture, learning is stifled and growth is hindered. A positive school culture transforms a school into a vibrant learning community. To accomplish this, School Leaders need to be intentional and equipped with the skills and strategies to build a positive school culture that produces results.

School Leaders will learn practical and researched based best practices to build and sustain a positive school culture. They will learn how to confront negativity, how to win over teachers and parents, and how to lead in a way that engages all students. They will learn how to celebrate, how to empower collaborative leadership, and how to nurture a positive culture that thrives in the school and community.

They will walk away with practical strategies that they can immediately implement to increase Student Voice and Choice in their school. School Leaders will learn how to design a school culture that values curiosity, creativity, and courage.

We need to create a culture that supports ALL students. This means that they are All of Our Kids, No Matter What!! Dr. Ziegler will share key strategies on how to support all students in the school culture. Creating a culture where every child is valued, cared for by an adult, and celebrated will invigorate the role of every School Leader and positively transform a school culture.

Presenter: Bill Ziegler, High School Principal in Philadelphia, Author, Consultant

Session 13 - MSHSAA 101

This breakout session fulfills the requirement of the MSHSAA 1.2.2 Constitution and By-Laws. “The principal and athletic/activities director at each member school shall be required to attend an annual rules meeting regarding MSHSAA By-Laws, policies, and rationale for the rules.”

Presenter: Kerwin Urhahn, Executive Director of MSHSAA

Session 14 - Lee’s Summit North’s Approach to Professional Development

The presenters will discuss the strategies used at Lee’s Summit North to design interesting, relevant, and practical professional development for teachers and staff. These strategies include instructional rounds, teacher surveys, collaboration with our middle school, a menu of options with teacher-led sessions, and an office book study.

Presenter: Jeff Meisenheimer, Principal, and Beth Bock, Assistant Principal, Lee’s Summit North High School

Session 15 - Challenge or Opportunity? Working with Barriers to Full Implementation of the School Counseling Program

Do you and your school counselor ever have conversations about how to enhance the services of the school counseling program? Or if responsibilities assigned to the school counselor are part of the school counseling program? Many of these responsibilities must be done, and there may be limited personnel to take on that work. So what should be done?? This workshop will examine those issues and common barriers to full implementation of the school counseling program. AND it will also offer logical, creative ways to turn those barriers into opportunities for collaboration and success.

Presenters: Dr. Shari Sevier, Director of Advocacy, Missouri Counselor Association

Session 16 - Career Essentials: Solution to Teaching and Measuring Career-Ready Skills

During this session, discover what industry says are the vital skills for career readiness and how the Career Essentials suite is the education solution for producing career-ready graduates who are prepared to face the 21st-century demands of employers. The Career Essentials suite is everything teachers need, to give their students everything they need to be career-ready.

Presenter: Joey Baker, SkillsUSA State Director

2:15 – 3:05 - Breakout Sessions III

Session 17 - Student Professional Development: Engaging Students and Communities

What if there was a way to teach students life skills while involving your local community? We will share how Cabool High School invited the community in to share practical life skills with students in an exciting and engaging 'Student PD Day'.

Presenters: Brad Shockley (Principal) and Alison Howe (Counselor), Cabool High School

Session 18 - Empathy: How Understanding Ourselves Helps Us Understand ALL of Our Students

Empathy allows us to make connections, and the lack of empathy can harm--instead of heal-- a relationship. In this session, learn how important empathy is to our work as administrators, and how our own unconscious biases can get in the way of empathetic leadership. Please bring your own device to the session.

Presenter: Jennifer Strauser, Associate Principal, Eureka High School

Session 19 - Building Our Culture Together

During this session we will collaborate Edcamp style in small and whole group to share best practices around building a positive school and community culture through relationships and communication.

Presenter: Bill Powers, Kickapoo High School

Session 20 - MOCAP Implementation

Updates on the implementation of the Missouri Course Access Program; including the responsibilities of local school districts and charter schools, estimated timelines, authorization of providers, and time for Q&A with presenters.

Presenters: John Robertson, Coordinator, Educational Support Services & Stacy Morse, Director, Educational Support Services, DESE

Session 21 - MCCTA Post Secondary Cluster Leaders

Session 22 - MCCTA Secondary Cluster Meeting

Session 23 - MCCTA Comprehensive High School Cluster Leaders