

2024-2025 FALL/WINTER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

PA Principals' Power Hours

There is no cost associated with the **Power Hour sessions (4-5 PM)**, but registration is required to access the Zoom webinars. *See below for details and links to register.*



September:

- **09/16/2024 at 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**
- **Bullying Unmasked: Defining, Identifying, and Responding with Clarity**
 - **Presenters:** [Shanna Bradfield](#) & [Regional Service Specialists \(RSS\)](#)
 - **Session Description:** *Join a virtual discussion that will help uncover the complexities of bullying, clarifying what it is - and - what it isn't - from both practical and legal perspectives. Gain valuable insights on how to accurately define, identify, and respond to bullying incidents ensuring you are well-versed in the legal and schoolhouse implications. Equip yourself with the knowledge and tools needed to foster a safe and respectful school environment. Don't miss this essential session for creating a bully-free zone in your school!*

Register Here: <https://ppa13.wildapricot.org/event-5820099>



October:

- **10/10/2024 at 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**
- **Digital Success: Operationalizing Online PSSA and Keystone Assessments**
 - **Presenters:** [Regional Service Specialists \(RSS\)](#)
 - **Session Description:** *Join us for "Digital Success," an informative one-hour session tailored for school principals on operationalizing online PSSA and Keystone assessments. Learn from experienced school leaders who will discuss their experiences with the process of online testing. Gain insights into navigating the digital landscape and managing logistics. Breakout sessions will include PSSA for grades 3-8 and Keystone for grades 9-12. Don't miss this session to help prepare for the future of standardized testing!*

Register Here: <https://ppa13.wildapricot.org/event-5833586>



- **10/29/2024 at 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**
- **PSERS & Retirement Plans for NEW Principals* – Understanding Your Benefits**
 - **Geared toward those hired into the PSERS System after July 1, 2019, who fall under the Act 5 pension changes.*
 - **Presenter:** [Anne Barton](#), Kades-Margolis Corporation
 - **Session Description:** *This workshop will review the importance of retirement planning and how you can take control now to better prepare for what's to come in retirement. Although this is geared toward newer employees, all are welcome to join for valuable information on Social Security and other retirement savings plans.*
 - Join us to learn more about the following:
 - Understanding your options under PSERS. (*Focus on Act 5 options affecting those hired into PSERS after July 1, 2019.*)
 - Social Security benefits and how they factor into your retirement plan.
 - How to take control of your own personal savings through retirement programs offered by your employer.

Register Here: <https://ppa13.wildapricot.org/event-5820144>



November:

- **11/6/2024 at 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**
- **The Main Idea**
 - **Presenter:** [Jenn David-Lang](#)
 - **Session Description:** *Teachers aren't the only ones who need PD! As principals we are the lead learners in the building and need our own professional learning. Join us to learn ways to develop your own habit of professional reading and use that reading to improve your school! You will also walk away with two great tools to conduct PD with your own teachers, as well.*
 - **Please Note:** *As a member, you receive a yearly subscription to The Main Idea. It is sent on the 20th of each month.*

Register Here: <https://ppa13.wildapricot.org/event-5834669>



December:

- **12/5/2024 at 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**
- **Title IX: Navigating Updates and Enhancing Protection**
 - **Presenters:** [Gareth Pahowka, Esq., Attorney with Stock & Leader \(York, PA\)](#), and [Regional Service Specialists \(RSS\)](#)
 - **Session Description:** *This one-hour workshop will cover changes in the grievance procedure, the redefined scope of harassment, the duties of the Title IX Coordinator, and protection for LGBTQ+ Students. Our expert panel will provide practical guidance and*

actionable strategies to ensure compliance and foster an inclusive, safe environment for all students. Stay informed and prepared to lead your school with confidence and integrity in light of these pivotal changes.

Register Here: <https://ppa13.wildapricot.org/event-5833618>



January:

- **1/16/2025 at 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**
- ***Tackling Truancy: Proactive and Responsive Strategies for Attendance Success***
 - **Presenters:** Dr. Jamie Nunery, Student Services Supervisor at Downingtown Area School District; Andrea Sereni, Supervisor of Clinical Services at the Chester County Intermediate Unit; and Dr. Scott Kuren, Director, Office for Safe Schools, PA Department of Education; and [Regional Service Specialists \(RSS\)](#)
 - **Session Description:** *Join us for "Tackling Truancy," a one-hour virtual session designed for school leaders addressing truancy issues and attendance concerns. This informative workshop will provide a dual approach to managing attendance, offering both proactive and responsive strategies. Learn how to implement effective prevention programs, engage families, and foster a school culture that prioritizes attendance. Additionally, gain insights into handling chronic absenteeism with responsive interventions and support systems. Equip yourself with the tools and techniques to boost attendance rates and ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your school's approach to attendance!*

Register Here: <https://ppa13.wildapricot.org/event-5833651>



- **1/22/2025 at 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**
- ***On the Road to Retirement***
 - **Presenters:** [Jerry Burhop, CFA®, CIPM®, Vice President & Portfolio Manager, Lincoln Investment, Alexis Cain, CFP®, Financial Advisor, Philadelphia Regional Office, & Jonathan Wicker, AIF®, CFS®, Financial Advisor, Pittsburgh Regional Office](#)
 - **Session Description:** *Join Lincoln Investment as we navigate the road to retirement and the importance of financial planning details to consider before, during and after this significant process. We also feature a portfolio manager in a review of the market in 2024, a 2025 outlook, and an overview of 403b offerings. This session is open to educators at any stage of their career.*

Register Here: <https://ppa13.wildapricot.org/event-5837469>



February:

- **2/5/2025 at 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM - POWER HOUR**
- **Empowering School Leaders: Planning Innovative Professional Development Days**
 - Presenters: [Regional Service Specialists \(RSS\)](#)
 - **Session Description:** Join us for "Empowering School Leaders," a one-hour virtual session designed for school leaders charged with planning engaging professional development activities for staff. Discuss ways to involve your staff in meaningful and motivating activities that will cultivate a positive school culture.

Register Here: <https://ppa13.wildapricot.org/event-5833660>



March:

- **3/12/2025 at 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM - POWER HOUR**
- **Collaborative Planning for Teacher Appreciation Week**
 - Presenters: [Regional Service Specialists \(RSS\)](#)
 - **Session Description:** May 6, 2025, is Teacher Appreciation Day! Join us for a networking hour designed to share ideas for planning a memorable teacher appreciation week. Show your staff how much you appreciate their hard work and dedication by engaging in a brainstorming session of activities.

Register Here: <https://ppa13.wildapricot.org/event-5833670>

