

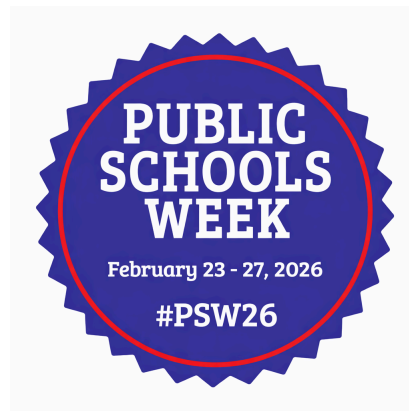


# WEEKLY DIGEST

February 25, 2026

## Celebrate Public Schools Week Feb. 23 – 27

Happy [Public Schools Week 2026](#) (Feb. 23-27)! Led by the [Learning First Alliance](#)—a coalition of national education associations—**Public Schools Week** is an annual celebration dedicated to recognizing the essential role of public education and honoring the exceptional educators, staff (including school communicators!), parents and school board members who work tirelessly to strengthen communities, expand opportunity and prepare every learner to thrive.



## CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE STORE!

Please visit the [PA Principals Marketplace](#), our new online store, if you are interested in purchasing customized apparel and accessories.

## 2026–2027 Principal Induction Program

Are you looking for information about the [Principal Induction Program](#) through PIL (Pennsylvania Inspired Leadership)? If you are within your first five years of the principalship, please review the details below.

Registration for the [2026–2027 Principal Induction Program's initial session](#) will open on [April 1, 2026](#). If you are interested in participating, please visit the [SAS PD Center](#) and complete the [2026–2027 Principal Induction Interest Form](#).

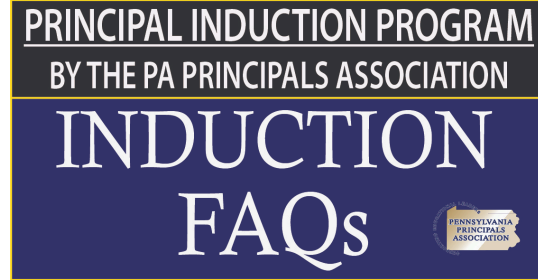
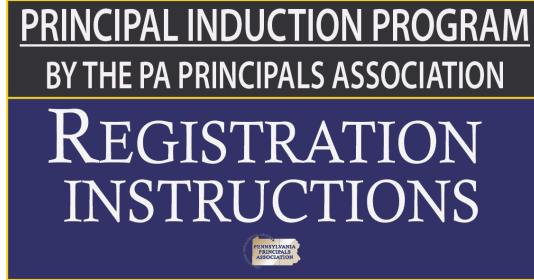
Once logged in:

1. Navigate to the [Course Catalog](#).
2. Click on [Act 45](#).
3. Look for the yellow box labeled ["Interested in the 2026/2027 Principal Induction Program?"](#)

4. Complete the [survey](#) by clicking the blue box.

Official registration will begin in **Spring 2026**.

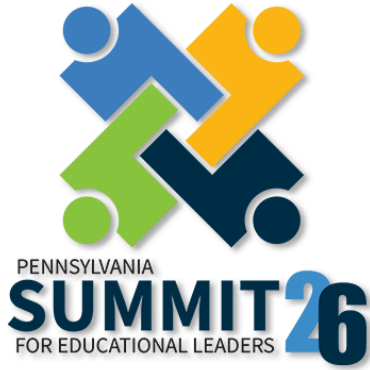
Additional questions can be directed to: [RA-EDACT45@pa.gov](mailto:RA-EDACT45@pa.gov) or [zajac@paprincipals.org](mailto:zajac@paprincipals.org)



**Check out the Principal Induction Registration Instructions and FAQs on our homepage! Click on the blocks below to go directly to the webpage or visit: [www.paprincipals.org](http://www.paprincipals.org).**

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**[REMINDER: DEADLINE APPROACHING - MARCH 2, 2026!](#)**



August 2-4, 2026 • Allentown, PA

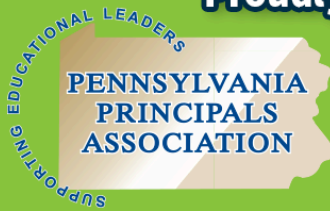


# CALL *for* PRESENTERS

## Submission Deadline: March 2, 2026

Conference strands include:  
Curriculum/Supervision, Principals/Administrators,  
District Level Administrators/Directors

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[CALL FOR PRESENTERS FORM](#)



## SAVE THE DATE

### August 2-4, 2026

Renaissance Allentown Hotel & Parkland High School  
Allentown, Pennsylvania

[Click here](#) for the Schedule at a Glance.

[Click here](#) for the Keynote Speakers.

[Click here](#) for the SUMMIT26 informational flyer.

[Click here](#) for our Sponsor/Vendor Opportunities.

**Act 45 hours will be available!**

*Watch for registration info coming in April!*

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## ***Assistant Principal / Dean of Students Symposium***

The ***Assistant Principal (AP) / Dean of Students Symposium***, sponsored by the PA Principals Association, is being **offered in five locations across the Commonwealth.**

***The Symposium has been approved for 10 Act 45 hours!***

***See below for details and to register.***

# Assistant Principal & Dean of Students SYMPOSIUM



**March 23, 24, 25, April 8 & 9, 2026 • 9am - 3pm**

Registration opens at 8:15 a.m • Lunch Provided • Cost \$49

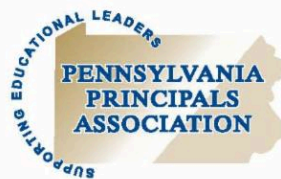
Sponsored by PA Principals, participants will explore practical strategies for building influence and strong relationships in everyday interactions, focusing time and energy on high-impact priorities, and designing simple systems that reduce recurring stress.

Throughout the day, there will be dedicated time for participants to choose topics most relevant to their work, brainstorm solutions with colleagues, and personalize their learning based on current challenges.

This session is engaging, highly practical, and focused on tools and strategies participants can use immediately.

This workshop is ideal for Assistant Principals and Deans of Students at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

**Act 45 hours will be available for participants.**



For any questions, please contact:

Dr. Beth Haldeman  
Director of Professional Development  
[haldeman@papprincipals.org](mailto:haldeman@papprincipals.org)

**Scan below to signup and for individual event information**



**IU 15**  
March 23



**State College Area High School**  
March 24



**Midwestern IU 4**  
March 25



**CLIU 21**  
April 8



**Montgomery County IU 23**  
April 9

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**In addition, a FREE *Aspiring Principals Networking Session* will be held following each of the symposiums from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

***See below for details and to register!***

***Note: The event is free but registration is required.***

## Thinking About Becoming a Principal?

# Join Us for a FREE One-Hour Networking Event



March 23, 24, 25, April 8 & 9, 2026 • 4pm - 5pm

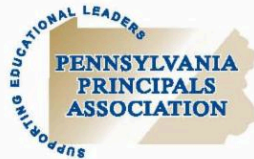
*Curious about the principalship but not quite sure what the role really looks like day to day?* Join members of the PA Principals, along with current leaders and principals, for a free, one-hour event designed for educators who are exploring their next leadership step.

This informal gathering is a chance to connect with other leaders in the area, hear directly from the PA Principals team, and learn from practicing principals who will share honest insights about the role!

You'll have plenty of time to ask questions, build new relationships, and get clarity about whether the principalship might be right for you. Whether you're actively considering the role or just starting to explore the idea, you'll leave with new connections, real-world perspective, and a clearer sense of what comes next.

*No cost, no pressure—just conversation, community, and answers.*

*Join us to learn, connect, and walk away inspired!*



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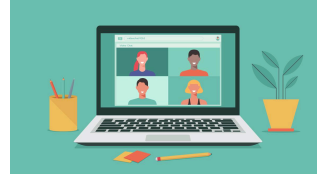
## New CSPG 104: Staffing Flexibility Update

In accordance with Act 47 of 2025, the Pennsylvania Department of Education has issued **new CSPG 104**, which provides additional flexibility for staffing in elementary and secondary settings.

Effective immediately, educators with a PK–4 certification may be assigned to grades 5 and 6, and educators holding a 7–12 subject-area certification may continue to teach grade 6 in their certified subject. This flexibility does not apply to Special Education; Special Education 7–12 certificate holders must also hold a PK–8 or PK–12 Special Education certificate to serve grade 6. **Read the full CSPG 104 [here](#).**

**[2026 PD Calendar:](#)**

# Register Today for Our Upcoming Virtual Power Hours!



There is no cost associated with our **Power Hour sessions**, but registration is required to access the Zoom webinars.

**See below for details and to register.**

## February:

- **2/25/2026 at 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**
- **Principals' Lunch and Learn - "How do we get math intervention to work?"**
- **Presenter: Rob Baier, Pennsylvania Lead, Innovamat**
- **Session Description:** *Math intervention can feel like a daunting task, but it doesn't have to be. Join us for a powerful hour where we'll explore how to make math intervention truly effective for your students. We'll dive into the concept of math learning trajectories, a powerful tool for understanding how students' mathematical thinking develops. Most importantly, we'll focus on how to get teachers, the "magic makers," to use their expertise and understanding of these trajectories to transform their students' learning journeys.*

**REGISTER HERE**

## March:

- **3/12/2026 at 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**
- **Principals' Lunch and Learn: The next generation curriculum platform**
- **Presenter: Amit Parihar, Vice President of Growth, Toddle App**
- **Session Description:** *In this Power Hour, participants will explore what it takes to bring curriculum to life in ways that both meet state requirements and support the needs of students and teachers. Attendees will learn practical strategies to translate curriculum into daily instruction, discover approaches for aligning curriculum with district priorities and learning standards, and gain insights on sustaining momentum and coherence across schools. By the end of the Power Hour, participants will leave with tools and ideas to strengthen curriculum implementation and create a more connected learning experience for students.*

**REGISTER HERE**

- **3/31/2026 at 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**
- **Principals' Lunch and Learn: Global Education for Future Readiness: Immersion Learning for Skill Development**
- **Presenter: Meghan Schafer, EF Educational Tours**
- **Session Description:** *In an increasingly interconnected world, preparing students to solve problems on a global scale is paramount. We will delve into the importance of immersion learning in bridging the gap between classroom learning and real-world careers, unlocking student potential and equipping them with the skills needed to thrive in a globalized career landscape. Acquire strategies to implement in your school to cultivate essential future ready skills, including cultural awareness, growth mindset, collaboration, self-awareness, communication, agency, critical thinking and problem solving, preparing them for global success.*

**REGISTER HERE**

## Save these dates:

- **4/7/2026 at 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Staff Appreciation Week Idea Exchange** [Register Here.](#)
- **4/15/2026 at 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM: Principals' Lunch and Learn - Presenter: Kimberly Keel, Kades-Margolis Corporation** [Register Here.](#)

**[Click here](#) for the full PD Calendar - Power Hour Schedule (with session descriptions).**

For further information or any questions, please contact Dr. Beth Haldeman, Director of Professional Development, PA Principals Association, at [haldeman@paprincipals.org](mailto:haldeman@paprincipals.org).

## RSS Update

### **Student Engagement: Technology as a Tool**

*By Yvonne Best-Proctor, West I Regional Service Specialist (RSS)*



We have all walked into classrooms where students are working on computers to complete assignments. At first, it may appear that students are highly engaged. But true engagement cannot be measured by screen time. As we circulate the room, we should focus on the purpose of the assignment and how technology enhances the learning experience. Are students collaborating on projects to solve problems or thinking critically? Or are they completing tasks independently?

As administrators, we must guide our teachers in defining the expectations of technology-based assignments. What does an "effective" use of technology look like for students. Before deciding which tools to use for an assignment, teachers may find it helpful to pause and reflect. Does the technology truly deepen students' understanding? Does it encourage collaboration or strengthen critical thinking? Is it meaningfully enhancing the learning experience, or could the same objective be achieved just as effectively with a worksheet?

Teachers need to be trained in why and how technology can have a meaningful impact on student learning. Our conversations need to encourage them to move beyond basic technology use and design more intentional learning experiences that increase feedback and real-world choices. Moving forward, how will you support teachers in creating learning experiences where technology drives engagement rather than being a tool to keep students "busy"?

**Shaping AI in Education: A Pennsylvania Training  
& Listening Tour**  
***Register Today!***



# Shaping AI in Education:

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## Engaging Learning & Listening Sessions



**Event Time:** 9 AM - 2 PM

**Event Dates and Locations:**

- March 9, 2026 - *Virtual*
- March 13, 2026 - Penn State, University Park
- March 20, 2026 - Penn State, Greater Allegheny, McKeesport
- March 23, 2026 - Penn College of Technology, Williamsport
- May 14, 2026 - Penn State, Berks, Wyomissing
- May 29, 2026 - Penn State, York, York
- June 1, 2026 - Penn State, Wilkes-Barre, Dallas
- June 5, 2026 - *Virtual*

**Cost:** FREE

**Act 48 & 45 credits available**

**Meal provided**

**Details and registration at the QR code**



<https://bit.ly/K12AlinPA>

Join Penn State AI researchers and K-12 experts for a dynamic learning and listening session on the future of AI in education, exclusively for K12 educators and administrators. The tour will consist of a combination of in-person and virtual day-long events. The sessions will provide you with deeper insights into the A to Z of AI, from AI usage to AI policy, and more. Your voice will contribute to shaping the future of learning across the Commonwealth through:

- **Knowledge Sharing:** Offering foundational information on generative AI as it applies to K12 settings.
- **Workforce Development:** Emphasizing AI's role in workforce preparation
- **Policy Implications:** Discussing K-12 policy considerations for AI integration
- **Professional Development:** Examining AI's impact on educator training
- **Ethics and Sustainability:** Addressing ethical and sustainability issues of AI in education

This is more than professional development. It's an opportunity to influence the future of learning in Pennsylvania. As part of our commitment to advancing AI education across Pennsylvania, we will be collecting survey, observation, and interview data from all participants during the AI Roadshow. This information will be used to inform our reporting to the Pennsylvania Department of Education and to strengthen future programming for K-12 educators statewide. **By attending this event, you are agreeing to participate in these data collection activities as a condition of your participation.**



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### SCHEDULE

#### 9-10 A.M. | INTRO TO JOSTENS RENAISSANCE & FIGHT FORWARD KEYNOTE SPEECH

PC and Chu will kick off the conference with personal stories and powerful takeaways for your school leaders.

#### 10-10:15 A.M. | BREAK

#### 10:15-10:45 A.M. | CULTURE & CLIMATE BUILDING IDEA BLAST

A rapid-fire presentation of tried-and-true ideas from Renaissance schools across the country.

#### 11 A.M.-12 P.M. | EDUCATOR & STUDENT BREAKOUTS

Led by Renaissance experts, students and educators will split into groups to think deeper about their school's culture; students will work collaboratively while educators learn about the resources available to support their culture-building initiatives.

#### 12-12:30 P.M. | MINI RENAISSANCE RALLY

Renaissance Rallies celebrate academics and character with the same energy that sports receive. They can be a game changer for schools!



EVENT DATE:	March 12, 2026
EVENT TIME:	9 AM - 12:30 PM
EVENT LOCATION:	Cumberland Valley H.S. 6746 Carlisle Pike Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania
REGISTER BY:	March 9, 2026



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## PASA Leadership Forum

March 18-20, 2026

The Penn Stater | State College

*Breaking the Mold: Leadership that Turns Challenges into Opportunities*

Join the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators (PASA) for their **PASA Leadership Forum**, "*Breaking the Mold: Leadership that Turns Challenges into Opportunities*," from **March 18-20, 2026**, at **The Penn Stater** in **State College**.

[Click here](#) for an informational flyer.

Visit [PASA-net.org](https://PASA-net.org) to register and book your hotel reservation!

# PRINCIPALS' RESOURCES

- [RLD Ambassador Applications Are Open! Remake Learning Days is back May 1–23, 2026!](#) We're recruiting 250 amazing **Ambassadors** across Pennsylvania, including youth, parents and teachers who want to help families discover the joy of hands-on learning.
  - [Click here to apply.](#) Applications are being accepted through February 28, 2026.
- [PA Literacy Summit & Day of Action on March 23. REGISTER TODAY!](#)
  - The 2026 PA Literacy Summit & Day of Action brings together educators, school and district leaders, advocates, policymakers and community partners from across the Commonwealth to ensure literacy is a statewide priority.
- [College Board News - Webinars and Upcoming Events.](#) [Click here for the February 2026 newsletter.](#)
- [Missed Our Fall Event? Join the Virtual Health Care Career Day Replay – March 12 from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.](#)
  - Join the Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP) for a replay of their November event featuring clinical professionals from hospitals across Pennsylvania and supported by the PA Department of Health and Secretary Dr. Debra Bogen. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)
- [Girls Who Code Clubs](#) is offering a [free Clubs program](#) for students in grades 3-12 that introduces foundational computer science concepts alongside creative, collaborative problem-solving. Clubs are open to all genders and skill levels for both students and facilitators!
  - Elementary school educators who submit a [new Clubs Application](#) by March 18th will have the chance to receive an [Elementary Classroom Connection Kit](#).
- The [Tier 2 & 3 Acceleration Program \(TAP\)](#) is a [Google.org](#) funded initiative that provides districts with Lenny, an AI program for new teachers, at no cost. Districts across Pennsylvania, including The School District of Philadelphia, Mid Valley and Marple Newtown School District, are already using Lenny to support MTSS, and the results have been promising.
  - [Click here for the application.](#)



## SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS...

WITH A "[SHOUT OUT](#)" IN OUR WEEKLY DIGEST!

*Were you recognized at your school or district, received an award or honor, earned an advanced degree or certification, got married, added to your family?*

We want to [GIVE YOU A SHOUT OUT](#) and share your [Good News](#) with your fellow education leaders across Pennsylvania in an upcoming *Weekly Digest*!

Please click on the button below and complete the brief form.

Please also send a high-resolution, color photo of yourself (or depicting your good news) to Sheri Thompson at [sherit@papincipals.org](mailto:sherit@papincipals.org).

[SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS!](#)

## *Interested in an Interim Principal Position?*

From time to time, we receive requests for interim principals from school districts across Pennsylvania. If you are retired, retiring or otherwise available, you may want to consider serving as an **Interim Principal**.

If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please complete this [brief form](#) and we will be in touch with you if there is an appropriate placement.

[Click here](#) for an informational flyer about the program.

For any questions, please contact [Vangie Unti](#) or call her at (717) 732-4999.

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