AGENDA • MONDAY, NOV. 2, 2026

9 PILLARS OF LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE • K12 SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT PRE-CONFERENCE

7:00AM **PRE-CONFERENCE CHECK-IN, BADGE PICK-UP, AND NETWORKING BREAKFAST**

8:00AM **WELCOME AND OVERVIEW**
Studer Education • Dr. Deanna Ashby, *Senior Leader*

8:05AM **KEYNOTE**
9 Pillars of Leadership Excellence
Studer Education • Dr. Janet Pilcher, *Founder and President*

8:30AM **LEADER PANEL**
Strategy and Culture Go Hand in Hand to Improve
Hemet Unified School District, CA • Dr. Christi Barrett, *Superintendent*
Oxford School District, MS • Marni Herrington, *Chief Academic Officer and Deputy Superintendent*
The Winnetka Public Schools, IL • Dr. Kelly Tess, *Superintendent*
Studer Education • Bradley Roberson, *Senior Leader and Oxford School District Retired Superintendent* • Dr. Deanna Ashby, *Senior Leader*

9:30AM **NETWORKING BREAK**

9:45AM **CONNECTING THE DOTS**
Questions and Takeaways
Studer Education • Dr. KK Owen, *Senior Leader*

9:55AM **MINI MASTERCLASS**
Reducing Human Performance Variation
Studer Education • Dr. KK Owen, *Senior Leader*

10:30AM **NETWORKING BREAK**

10:45AM **MINI MASTERCLASS**
Up Our Game with Purposeful Rounding to Gather Feedback to Improve
Studer Education • Bradley Roberson, *Senior Leader*

11:20AM **LEADER PANEL**
Purposeful Rounding to Improve
Lake Zurich Community Unit School District 95, IL • Dr. Kelley Gallt, *Superintendent*
Oxford School District, MS • Marni Herrington, *Chief Academic Officer and Deputy Superintendent*
School District of Altoona, WI • Dr. Heidi Eliopoulos, *Superintendent*
Studer Education • Bradley Roberson, *Senior Leader*

12:00PM **NETWORKING LUNCH**

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12:45PM **KEYNOTE**
Improvement Work Is the Right Work
Studer Education • Dr. Pat Greco, *Senior Leader*

1:15PM **LEADER PANEL**
Establishing Priority 90-Day Actions and Checking Progress
Meade County Schools, KY • Marcus Adams, *Associate Superintendent*
Verona Area School District, WI • Amy Engelkins, *Executive Director of Academic Services*
Studer Education • Dr. Pat Greco, *Senior Leader* • Dr. Deanna Ashby, *Senior Leader*

2:00PM **NETWORKING BREAK**

2:15PM **KEYNOTE**
Cascading Improvement From the Boardroom to the Classroom
Studer Education • Bradley Roberson, *Senior Leader*

2:40PM **CONNECTING THE DOTS**
Questions and Takeaways
Studer Education • Dr. Deanna Ashby, *Senior Leader*

2:50PM **LEADER PANEL**
Improvement Journey Stories
New Buffalo Area Schools, MI • Adam Bowen, *Superintendent*
Russellville Independent School District, KY • Dr. Kelly Jones, *District Instructional Facilitator*
San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, CA • Tracy Chambers, *Assistant Superintendent*
Studer Education • Dr. Deanna Ashby, *Senior Leader* • Bradley Roberson, *Senior Leader*

3:30PM **NETWORKING BREAK**

3:45PM **MINI MASTERCLASS**
Improvement-Focused Meeting Agendas
Studer Education • Dr. Janet Pilcher, *Founder and President*

4:15PM **CONNECTING THE DOTS AND FINAL REFLECTIONS (45 MIN)**
Questions and Takeaways
Studer Education • Dr. Janet Pilcher, *Founder and President* • Dr. Deanna Ashby, *Senior Leader* • Dr. Pat Greco, *Senior Leader* • Dr. KK Owen, *Senior Leader* • Bradley Roberson, *Senior Leader*

5:30PM **INFORMAL SOCIAL HOUR AND NETWORKING**
Location: Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk • CHI Bar