



K-12 Project Management Conference 2024

Survey Results for the Online Conference

- **PURPOSE:** To evaluate the online K-12 Project Management Conference (“Summer Camp”) conducted on June 21, 2024 for about 400 I.T. staff at school districts, charter schools, and county offices of education in California and beyond. How did we do? The input will help us improve our planning and execution of future conferences.
- **SURVEY TIMEFRAME:** June 24 - July 8, 2024 (10 business days)
- **# OF RESPONDENTS:** 75 optionally named respondents (not anonymous) from 56 organizations (19% response rate)
- **EVALUATOR:** Peyri Herrera, SDCOE EPMO Sr. Director, pherrera@sdcoe.net

The following 56 organizations participated in this survey:

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| 1. Buena Park Elementary School District | 29. Sacramento City Unified School District |
| 2. Ceres Unified School District | 30. Saddleback Valley Unified School District (2) |
| 3. Contra Costa County Office of Education | 31. Sage Oak Charter Schools (2) |
| 4. El Dorado County Office of Education | 32. San Bernardino City Unified School District |
| 5. Escondido Union School District (2 respondents) | 33. San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools |
| 6. Fresno County Superintendent of Schools | 34. San Diego County Office of Education (5) |
| 7. Fresno Unified School District | 35. San Diego Unified School District (2) |
| 8. Goddard Public Schools | 36. San Francisco Unified School District (2) |
| 9. Goleta Union School District | 37. San José Unified School District |
| 10. Grossmont Union High School District | 38. San Juan Unified School District (2) |
| 11. Humboldt County Office of Education | 39. Sanger Unified School District |
| 12. Huntington Beach Union High School District | 40. Santa Clara County Office of Education (3) |
| 13. Imperial County Office of Education | 41. Santa Clara Unified School District |
| 14. Inyo County Office of Education | 42. Santee School District (2) |
| 15. Irvine Unified School District | 43. Shasta Union High School District (2) |
| 16. Kern County Superintendent of Schools (3) | 44. South Bay Union School District |
| 17. King-Chavez Neighborhood of Schools | 45. Springfield Public Schools |
| 18. Lemon Grove School District (2) | 46. Stanislaus County Office of Education |
| 19. Mammoth Unified School District | 47. Sweetwater Union High School District |
| 20. Manteca Unified School District | 48. Turlock Unified School District |
| 21. Modesto City Schools | 49. Valley Center-Pauma Unified School District (2) |
| 22. National School District | 50. Ventura County Office of Education |
| 23. Newport-Mesa Unified School District (2) | 51. Vista Unified School District |
| 24. Pacific Grove Unified School District | 52. Wasco Union High School District |
| 25. Palmdale School District | 53. Washington Unified School District |
| 26. Rancho Santa Fe School District | 54. West Covina Unified School District |
| 27. Rochester City School District | 55. YPI Charter Schools |
| 28. Rocklin Unified School District | 56. Yuba City Unified School District |

Q3. What 3 words/ adjectives/ phrases would you use to describe Summer Camp?

Respondents used **83 positive descriptors** to describe Summer Camp. The numbers in parentheses show the number of times the word was used.

- **informative (42)**
- **fun / fun! / fun-filled (29)**
- **engaging (24)**
- **organized (9)**
- **helpful (7)**
- **inspiring (7)**
- **creative (5)**
- **collaborative (4)**
- **educational (4)**
- **enlightening (4)**
- **interesting (4)**
- **amazing (3)**
- **awesome (3)**
- **empowering (3)**
- **energetic (3)**
- **entertaining (3)**
- **friendly (3)**
- **insightful (3)**
- **interactive (3)**
- **thoughtful (3)**

- clear (2)
- dynamic (2)
- encouraging (2)
- enjoyable (2)
- innovative (2)
- motivating (2)
- prepared (2)
- professional (2)
- relatable (2)
- valuable (2)
- accessible
- balanced
- beginner
- beneficial

- built community
- built connections
- captivating
- clever theme/use of technology
- collective
- community
- comprehensive
- confidence boosting
- details
- easy to digest
- effective
- enriching
- exciting
- extremely relative
- fascinating
- fresh
- fulfilling
- great
- I was amazed how far the word has reached
- informational
- instructive
- introduction
- involved
- knowledgeable
- learning
- new
- overview
- practical
- productive
- refresher
- refreshing
- relevant
- resourceful
- rich content
- sharing
- thought provoking
- timely
- upbeat
- useful
- useful and informative
- very well put together!
- welcoming
- well organized
- well-attended for Year 3
- well-formed
- well-organized
- well-planned
- well-prepared
- worthwhile



NOTE: One attendee who rated the conference 2 stars shared that they found the conference sessions to be 'slow' and 'repetitive.'

24/25. Like a Yelp review, how many stars would you rate the conference? Why?

3.8
out of 4.0 stars

4 stars ★★★★★

- 4 - Because 5 stars wasn't an option.
- 4 - Because EPMO from SDCOE consistently put out high quality conferences that is engaging and well-balanced and well-prepared.
- 4 - Because of all the effort put into the conference for the attendees and the quality of the content delivered.
- 4 - Because there were a variety of topics and no matter which one I pick, I am positive that I will learn something. Also, it is dynamic and fun!
- 4 - Collaborating with IT folks from other districts to bring the K-12 SDCOE Conference together was impactful and impressive.
- 4 - Everyone is so engaged and committed to helping each other learn. Great work by all.
- 4 - Everything about it was great. The sessions, the enthusiasm of the speakers, the playlist :)
- 4 - Excellent hands-on info and real time walk-through of "how-to" with each session.
- 4 - Fun virtual conference
- 4 - Great information for those who need help, assistance, and guidance
- 4 - Great Resource, Great People willing to help, during the conference and afterwards
- 4 - Hearing from different districts on their PM issues and successes is invaluable.
- 4 - I always get a lot of value from attending the conference. The organization and presentation is consistently great.
- 4 - I couldn't think of a single thing I'd change. I see LEAs receiving great benefit from this.
- 4 - I feel that this conference has my best interest in mind. It really hits home with the learning industry that we are in and focuses on the person and the individual. I am always impressed by the folks who make this conference happen.
- 4 - I feel the conference is a labor of love. It showed the organizer's passion. Everything is very organized. Camp counselors were fun, warm, and supportive.
- 4 - I felt that the conference topics were well put together, and the presenters were very descriptive. It was nice to hear some of the struggles others have gone through because we are going through some of those struggles currently. I like that the conference is not just a dump of information but rather a collaboration on the topics between the presenters and the audience members.
- 4 - I felt that the sessions that I attended were more relevant than other sessions in years past. This could be based on my direct influence/participation in PM at my LEA, however I did walk away from each session with ideas on how to better bring PM to my LEA. Also, I did come away from the conference with an action plan for some of these items as well.
- 4 - I found the content helpful and the format engaging -- especially for a virtual conference.
- 4 - I found the speakers, and especially the opening session very engaging, I loved the camp theme and the handout/crossword puzzle stuff
- 4 - I like how organized it was and ease of navigation
- 4 - I liked how well prepared everyone was and the attendance was great. Exchanging experiences and getting ideas is the best part of it.
- 4 - I rated the conference highly because it offered a perfect blend of enjoyable activities and various sessions, delivered in a way that was both engaging and practically valuable for my professional development.
- 4 - I thought it was clearly thought and intention to the material and presentation
- 4 - I thought there were plenty of options that covered a broad spectrum of subject matter. It also allowed you to move from one session to another if something didn't seem like it was a "fit" for the individual.
- 4 - I thought this was a great conference! The timing was great - long enough to be a good use of time, but short enough to ensure each session was useful without too much fluff. Sessions were supported well, with consistency in pre-session music, slide design, and quality of presentation. Overall, it was engaging with great communication leading up to the event so it was clear what to expect, what to bring, and how to engage.
- 4 - I was able to walk away with ideas and tools to use immediately.

- 4 - Information was useful, presenters were knowledgeable and engaging - and free to boot!
- 4 - It had a variety of engaging sessions for various attendees to engage with throughout the day.
- 4 - It was a great way to experience an online conference.
- 4 - It was such a well-executed, planned, and great opportunity to network with other IT professionals in K-12. I feel like I've made some friends!
- 4 - It was very well planned out and the trainers for each program I felt knew what they were talking about.
- 4 - It was well laid out and informative. Lots of great conversations around project management and how we can use it moving forward.
- 4 - It's a well-run virtual conference packed with great sessions.
- 4 - I've been to several conferences and this one, while on zoom, has been the best one yet.
- 4 - Learned a lot and the sessions solidified my knowledge of project management. I even began work on a new Project (My first as project manager).
- 4 - Learned new ways to accomplish old tasks. Always fun and informative sessions.
- 4 - Overall love it, there could have been a few items changed but it was more about specific speaker(s). Loved the theme <3
- 4 - Sometimes it's tough to present serious information that isn't boring and tedious to follow and learn. You all nailed it! You made it fun, yet you provided us with so much useful knowledge on how to better manage our projects.
- 4 - The conference was educational, informative, and inspirational. I gained knowledge and understanding about the importance for having a process to manage projects, as well as guidance towards creating that process.
- 4 - The conference was free, and absolutely offered great value. The instructors and team were very knowledgeable and allowed for open communication and discussion. The conference itself was virtual, and I did not experience any issues!
- 4 - The conference was rich in content and allowed for new participants as well as returning participants to tailor their schedule and sessions to their needs and interests. Presenters and Hosts were very friendly and communicated clearly and maintained the flow of the conference in great shape.
- 4 - The conference was very informative and engaging with great speakers and lots of good information. Would definitely attend again and would love to attend the in-person workshops!
- 4 - The conference was very well organized and presented.
- 4 - The conference was very well put together. It is obvious how much time was put into getting everything done and it shows by how amazing the conference was. Such great content!
- 4 - The conference was well organized, the sessions I attended were informative, and I had a great time presenting my sessions.
- 4 - The conference was well-run, the speakers were knowledgeable and engaging, and the content was relevant and easily digestible.
- 4 - The information was relatable to my environment and was presented on different knowledge levels. that let me choose

my own path. The speakers brought great information on items I'd like to implement.

- 4 - The material presented was informative and practical. I will be able to use this information with my team immediately.
- 4 - The online conference was well organized, and all of the information provided are useful for project management. My first time attending, and this is amazing materials and knowledge. Thank you!
- 4 - The overall quality and preparedness of the conference, the on-topic sessions, and the availability of numerous avenues for expression and collaboration.
- 4 - The pace was perfect and kept everything moving along. I met new people, learned new information, and the conference reinforced that my little PMO is on the right track.
- 4 - The session options were well done. Good introduction to PM for beginners, and thoughtful insights from districts that have had success.
- 4 - The sessions were extremely informative, and I left each one with new information and tips to take back to my team.
- 4 - The sessions were highly informative, and the speakers were engaging and knowledgeable. I appreciated the well-organized schedule and the variety of topics covered, which were relevant to current educational project management challenges. The virtual platform was user-friendly, making it easy to navigate through different sessions and connect with other attendees. Overall, it was a valuable experience, and I look forward to participating in future events.
- 4 - The whole event was great. The content and presenters were all great and I came away from the day with new ideas.
- 4 - There was something for every skill level from beginner to expert.
- 4 - This conference was precise and to the point. It also provided guidance on adapting project management principles very practically and provided different perspectives from peers on how they approach projects. For me personally, as a presenter, it also helped me prepare for presentations, and share and communicate with industry peers.
- 4 - This is my second time attending these conferences and I can say without a doubt that, even though it is the same topic that's being covered, SDCOE does a great job of making it entertaining and finds ways to provide new and valuable information regarding project management while keeping things fun!
- 4 - This was a very informative and engaging online conference. i came away with a lot of usable tools to help me with Pm. Thanks everyone
- 4 - Tools and Resources that can be used right away
- 4 - Very Knowledgeable staff!
- 4 - Very well organized. Lots of tips, tricks and best practices.
- 4 - What I attended was great, unfortunately I had to leave to partake in interviews, I am looking forward to the video for what I missed.

3 stars ★★

- 3 - A couple of the topics were not helpful or coherent
- 3 - Definitely worth my time, but not the best user of my time.
- 3 - Great information at every level.
- 3 - I felt it was a little repetitive if you have attended previous trainings.
- 3 - I had a great time and it was a good conference. There were some "boring" points on the beginners options (as I am a beginner in this) however one whole session was just about filling out a form and it felt slow and dragged.
- 3 - It was engaging and welcoming in the beginning. There were some meetings that I felt that weren't that organized or it wasn't what I expected. It was nice to hear what other districts were using to innovate their team.
- 3 - Overall, the sessions I attended were mostly informative, but I have some feedback on the last class. It felt like more of a sales pitch for a management program, which was different from what I expected. Additionally, one of the presenters seemed quite disinterested in the software he presented. Instead of useful information, it turned into more of a session where he expressed dissatisfaction with the software.

- 3 - The only reason I selected the value that I did was because some of the topics/talks I attended were for some aspects of project management already, so I think it might be helpful to have a charter or something along of an abstract about what might be covered in the course available to us. The one or two sentence description was fine but if we could list out what aspects we're going to cover then the attendees would have a much more complete picture and understanding of the events they were choosing over others.
- 3 - There was one part of a session that felt a little negative/ill-prepared and it took away from people being able to learn about Asana.
- 3 - There were multiple events that I had to choose from to attend and wished that there could have been some duplications at a later time to attend.

2 stars ★★

- 2 - There were a couple of useful tips, but mostly the information was not particularly helpful for me. I started with the beginner tracks because I would consider myself a beginner, but eventually switched to the intermediate/advanced and even those were relatively basic. I took the most notes from the last session I was in. I won't give it 1 star because I did get 2-3 tips, but it wasn't worth the full 8 hours for me, so I wouldn't necessarily recommend it to others.

26. What were the benefits of participating in the online conference?

The respondents learned new content, heard tips, tricks, and best practices, and left feeling inspired about project management.

Benefits

Out of 75 respondents

#1 Learning new content/information	85% (n = 64)
#2 Hearing about project management methodology, tips/tricks, best practices	81% (n = 61)
#3 Feeling inspired/excited about project management	72% (n = 54)
#4 Taking something back to my unit/department/division (information, idea, tip, etc.)	64% (n = 48)
#5 Accessing tools/templates created by the SDCOE EPMO	60% (n = 45)
#6 Receiving refresher content/information	57% (n = 43)
#7 Meeting/networking with other K-12 IT staff	43% (n = 32)

Q7. What were your favorite aspects of the conference?

There were 51 responses to this optional question. Overall, the feedback highlights the conference's effectiveness in providing **informative, engaging, and well-organized sessions, with a focus on real-world applications, creativity, and community building.**

Content and Structure:

- **Informative and Supportive:**
 - "All of it! It is well put together, informative and supportive throughout the conference sessions."
 - "All the tips, tricks, and tools offered. A lot of that is hard to come up with to get started and having a professional baseline make it so much easier to get things going!"
- **Engaging and Interactive:**
 - "I love that it was interactive! Kept people engaged :-)"
 - "The engagement. Padlet, games, follow-along handouts are helpful to keep engaged in an online conference."
- **Themes and Tracks:**
 - "I enjoyed having the option to choose from different tracks at this conference. By having the track system in place, it allowed me to diversify the type of sessions that I attended."
 - "I liked the tracks and the topics. It felt like everything went very smoothly, no hiccups or technical issues (that I saw). That is no small feat. Well done, EPMO!"
- **Technical Aspects:**
 - "The conference sessions were on time and full of collaboration."
 - "It is accessible via Zoom. Makes attendance much simpler."

Delivery and Presentation:

- **Quality Presenters and Hosts:**
 - "Hosts and presenters were great."
 - "The speakers were all incredible! They were kind, informative, and down to Earth."
- **Creative and Fun Atmosphere:**
 - "The creativity and engaging strategies used by SDCOE! Love the all-in aspect to themes."
 - "The theme, the music, and the overall vibe - very energetic!"
 - "I really enjoyed the summer camp aspect. It was out of the box and fun."



- "The creativity and engaging strategies used by SDCOE! Love the all-in aspect to themes, and I also really enjoyed the fresh new sessions."
- **Well-Organized and Timely:**
 - "The conference sessions were on time and full of collaboration."
 - "It is very relaxed and engaging at the same time. There is a vast amount of knowledge when you need it, and a lot of opportunities to help out other attendees as well in discussions."

Learning and Networking:

- **Real-World Examples and Experiences:**
 - "The district Shareouts. It's great to hear about other districts putting project management into practice."
 - "My favorite aspects of the conference were the theme, the tips and tricks from different users, and the activity sheets!"
- **Learning New Skills and Tools:**
 - "Priority models like Eisenhower Matrix, Kanban, and Portfolio Management."
 - "Reesa's demo of using AI for project management. Learned some interesting tips on prompt engineering to get better results and keep the AI contained."
- **Networking and Community Building:**
 - "Best of all, we are able to share challenges, and learn from others' solutions on those challenges."
 - "The Presenters and their experiences, I think it is great to see examples and demos of tools and projects they have been working on."

Q8. Where do you think we can improve?

There were 40 responses to this optional question, where many stated “N/A” or “Nothing to improve.”



Here are the general themes submitted for improvements. Thank you for your feedback!

- Increase the conference by a day for more collaboration, discussion, and access to materials (“1 Day is pretty jam-packed, and more time to collaborate and discuss would be helpful for returning Attendees.”)
- Structure the conference so it’s not full days (“One all day session is a bit much for me during EOY as it’s my busiest time of year. Maybe it could be split over the course of two or three days?”)
- Offer more advanced topics and deep dives (“Maybe some advanced topics for those of us who have attended in the past, or are a little more savvy in PM, but would like to get into some nitty-gritty detail discussion.” “Even more strategies/tips on real world application of project management concepts. I’d even like more in-depth Project Management Software demos/setups/tips & tricks. A deep dive into Monday.com, for example.”)
- Bring back discussion-based sessions with breakouts (“Breakout sessions where I can meet other participants.”)
- Discuss AI in more depth (“Add a focused pathway for AI tools, maybe? Everything was great so this is all I could suggest.”)
- Create a track for CTOs and Tech Directors (“Create one geared towards administrators so they understand the need for project management.”)
- Increase interactions (“I love when we can be interactive with the training. I would say even just at the beginning and end to have something that we interact with makes things feel more engaging.” “More interactive engagement like the previous Super Mario World conference and games.”)
- Consolidate all of the links used throughout sessions (“Links, Links, Links - seems like we got a lot of information without them and had to go back into my email to find them again.”)
- Ensure speaker readiness (“Do a run-through with speakers to ensure their presentation is up to par or to give feedback beforehand. I enjoy speakers who engage with the audience or who don’t seem like they are reading off of a PowerPoint.” “Making sure slides, links, or videos were working before presenting.”)

Q9. Please mark the ways you saw or heard the conference advertised.

This information is especially useful for the SDCOE EPMO team to best understand how to advertise the conference in the future. In addition to the EPMO sharing the conference at workshops and via email, word-of-mouth and the CITE Community board are useful channels for promoting the event. LinkedIn has less impact.

Marketing/Advertising	Count	% (out of 73 respondents)
From the SDCOE EPMO team (at a workshop, via email, etc.)	46	63%
From a co-worker (at my organization)	38	52%
On the CITE Community board	22	30%
On the SDCOE EPMO webpage https://epmo.sdcoe.net	19	26%
On the San Diego CTO listserv	8	11%
From my colleague/friend (not at my organization)	8	11%
On the San Diego CITE Regional board	6	8%
LinkedIn	6	8%

Q14/Q15/16. Next year's format and topics?

- There is a strong desire for an online conference in 2025 (88% 'Yes')
- There is some interest in an in-person conference (33% 'Yes') AND uncertainty about attending in person (53% 'I'm not sure yet'), possibly due to budget, travel, and time constraints. Additional input is needed to determine if an in-person conference in 2025 is desired.

Online/Virtual?

If next year's conference is ONLINE/VIRTUAL (like this year), do you think you'd attend?

Response	Count	%
Yes	66	88%
No	1	1%
I'm not sure yet	8	11%
	75	

In Person?

If next year's conference is IN PERSON IN SAN DIEGO where travel was required, do you think you'd attend?

Response	Count	%
Yes	25	33%
No	10	13%
I'm not sure yet	40	53%
	75	

Comments about having an online/virtual conference next year:

- "I think the option for Virtual and separate in-person is interesting. My understanding is this Conference materialized as a Virtual Conference, and SDCOE is far ahead at perfecting this. I believe the Virtual aspect is the greatest asset to allow for the most collaboration, and involvement."
- "Due to our district's budget restriction, I am hoping for a virtual conference."
- "I loved the virtual aspect on this. It was way more convenient, and I know an organization runs the risk of spotty attendance and interest from attendees but this conference was great. It was fun and had good content."

- “I really like the fact that it is virtual because it makes it easier to participate.”
- “I think you are all nailing this, and should absolutely keep this going, and continue the conference to be as accessible and beneficial (Knowledge/Collaboration Opportunities) as possible.”
- “Keep the virtual! :)”
- “Last year’s conference had a MASSIVE Production value, and I felt that was lacking this year. Any steps closer to last year’s conference (multi-day and Production Value/Sets/etc.) would be fantastic in future conferences.”

Evaluator Comment: This is true for the online conference. We narrowed our scope for the online conference in terms of cost, and invested a bit more in the in-person conference in terms of materials and production.

- “Virtual allow for access for users from other districts with limited budgets. Next year's budget might be limited.”
- “Virtual one went really well. You've certainly developed a critical mass across the state and it is exciting to see how organizations will benefit from these methodologies. My district certainly has by nature of our technology department using them.”
- “Virtual please! It makes it easier for me to attend :)”
- “Virtual was really nice because I did not have to go through the hassle of having to get my district to reimburse me and I could do it anywhere! In person would be nice because it would be easier to network and meet others in the field.”
- “Virtual would be easier to attend.”

Comments about having an in person conference next year:

- “I prefer in person but it’s more difficult to get approval.”
- “I'd prefer it to be in person vs virtual.”
- “Why does in-person cost money to attend but virtual doesn't?”

Evaluator Comment: In-person events have costs like venue rental, table/chair/equipment rental, wi-fi costs, food and labor costs, parking costs, and print costs. Of those, the venue and food costs are the highest.

Additional input about next year:

Suggested Topics/Content

- “Demonstrations/Overviews of Different Project Management Software- Presentations would be done by users (Districts) of the product instead of vendor demos.”
- “Having more advanced topics/discussions”
- “I did enjoy the track system and feel that definitely has a place in a conference like this. Please keep that going! Based on the amount of attendees and sessions offered, it may be beneficial to host a two-day online conference to be able to provide additional sessions and allow those who want to attend a beginner/advanced track an additional opportunity to also join some LEA share outs on the following day.”
- “I did notice less content this year for the virtual side. I would like to see more content if I can’t be there in-person.”
- “I liked being able to share use cases that we have taken and applied from the various trainings this year. Also, participants requested any templates that we created to share as resources.”



- “I look forward to participating next year! I think next year could be interesting to explore the PMI approach to Agile. I would be happy to present on it, with aspects like the Agile Manifesto, the difference between iterative and incremental approaches, Kanban versus Scrum, etc. Also, it could be interesting to extend the conference beyond IT, either with a few speakers and/or with opening the conference to new groups of attendees. I think there could be some really interesting applications from other education areas that would both benefit from the concepts and also spur new ideas for those within IT who may not have thought about how they could apply PM in new ways.”
- “I loved the one activity we did live where we shared projects that we recently accomplished and allowed people from other LEAs to connect directly with them.”
Evaluator Comment: This is in reference to the K-12 Project Management Symposium held at the ComicCon Museum in San Diego in October 2024.
- “I’d love to see some discussion about doing Project Management within ticket systems. I don’t believe SDCOE does this, but perhaps you have considered an integration or could elaborate on the workflow. For instance, how much task tracking is completed within the PM interface, vs e-mail or other systems.”
- “It’s good you introduced a variety of tools, even the super simple one, a spreadsheet or document with a list of tasks and owner of each.”
- “Managing vendors”
- “Perhaps a deep dive into the different PM programs.”
- “Topics including PMO and portfolio practices, working with absent stakeholders or sponsors, and other advanced topics with more detail would be helpful.”
- “Virtual games that require you to look at the game master’s screen and then switch to yours put people with a single puny monitor in a disadvantage.” :) *Evaluator Comment: This is in reference to Game Time at lunch.*

Suggested Scheduling/Dates:

- “A lot more of my team may have come, but being on a Friday, and with the Wednesday holiday, we had a lot of our office take the day off. I think most everyone who was working that day attended. Hard to guess/schedule these kinds of things, but I wish more of my team could’ve made it.”

Suggested Length of Sessions

- “Consider having longer sessions for certain topics to allow more time for Q&A or to expand on the content being presented.”
- “Loved the breaks in between the sessions, made me feel like I was really there even if it was virtual.”

Speaker Feedback

Top 5 Reasons Why Conference Speakers Enjoyed Their Experience

1. Growth Opportunity	2. Collaboration and Networking	3. Contribution and Impact	4. Enjoyment and Fulfillment	5. SDCOE EPMO Support
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "It was my first time presenting at a conference, and I learned a ton. I also learned that I have a lot of experience to gain and growing to do by continuing to do things like this."• "Participating helped push me out of my comfort zone and grow."• "Being a speaker provided me with a valuable opportunity to share my experiences implementing project management tools and strategies at my organization. This role pushed me out of my comfort zone, encouraging me to speak on topics I usually keep behind the scenes."	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "It was fun. I enjoyed working with my EPMO mentor to prepare the presentation."• "I greatly appreciated the chance to collaborate with [a new I.T. colleague from another LEA] and connect with him more deeply, an opportunity that arose specifically because we were co-speakers in the same session."	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "I enjoyed my experience greatly. I hope someone learned from my experience."• "Definitely! I enjoyed sharing what I have learned about project management over the years and getting to know some of the attendees and where they are in their project management journey."	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Loved it! It was fun to present our ideas and experiences."• "Serving as a speaker was an amazing experience!"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "I felt supported during the entire process. The communication was great and I felt informed the entire time. The PPT templates make it easy."• "The support and communication from the EPMO team is amazing even with Candace out for her baby!"• "The amount of support provided by the EPMO team was extremely helpful and valuable to ensuring that we were successful with our presentations."

*Based on optional feedback from 16 Speakers

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