



EDUCATIONAL LEADERS SUMMER SUMMIT

— Lenape High School | Wednesday, July 29 —

Session 4

Administrative Isolation: The AI No One Talks About and the Power of Front Porch Leadership

Room: NA-2

Led by Assistant Principals Kate Pereira, Genene Barnes,
Ray Robinson and Administrative Intern Lindsay Karp
Cherry Hill East High School

School leaders spend each day supporting students, staff, and families - but who supports the leaders? Too often, leadership can feel isolating, leaving little time or space to connect with one another in meaningful ways.

Inspired by the simple idea of gathering on a front porch, this session introduces Front Porch Leadership - a relationship-centered approach built on four commitments: Connect, Reflect, Support, and Grow. Through stories, reflection, and practical strategies, participants will explore how small, intentional moments of connection can strengthen leadership, build trust, and create a more supportive school culture.

Participants will leave with a renewed sense of community, practical ideas they can implement right away, and a reminder that leadership doesn't have to be done alone. Sometimes the most meaningful growth begins with simply pulling up a chair on the front porch.

Crash Course for Gifted Education: Peer Insights for District Leaders

Room: NA-10

Led by Curriculum Director Dr. Leslie Puente-Ervin and
District K-12 Supervisor Mary Jo Hutchinson

Northern Burlington County Regional School District/ Delran Township School District
This practical "crash course" for administrators who are not GT coordinators focuses on the NJ Law surrounding Gifted Education. Discover how gifted education has evolved past traditional programs and stereotypes into dynamic, inclusive instructional models. Unpack the top 5 compliance areas frequently missed in district-wide implementation.

School Safety & Security Roundtable

Room: NA-4

Led by Curriculum Director Matthew Konowicz
Northern Burlington County Regional

With a focus on County Wide Reunification planning, we will network with each other and share School Safety & Security resources and strategies.

The Next Decade of AI: Developing a District Vision for the Future

Room: NB-2

Led by Supervisor Herb Peluzzo
East Brunswick Public Schools (K-12)

As AI rapidly reshapes the educational landscape, school districts must move from reactive choices to a proactive, phased strategy. This session explores how a unified district vision and clear AI guidelines can purposefully transform both administrative workspaces and classroom practices. Drawing on real-world leadership experience, Dr. Peluzzo will provide the practical tools needed to engage diverse stakeholder groups and build a customized roadmap for your community. Join us to transition from uncertainty to empowerment, and leave ready to champion an AI-enhanced future that elevates learning for every student and staff member.

From Attendance to Belonging:

Reimagining Family Engagement Through a Lens of Brilliance

Room: NA-5

Led by Principal Dr. Marilyn Dunham
City of Burlington Public Schools

Chronic absenteeism is often viewed as a compliance issue, but what if it is really about connection? This interactive session reframes attendance through a lens of brilliance, centering family voice, trust, and partnership. Drawing from research and real family narratives, participants will explore how systems and assumptions impact attendance and learn practical, relationship-based strategies to co-create solutions with families. Attendees will leave inspired and equipped to strengthen belonging, build authentic partnerships, and support consistent student attendance across all grade levels.

Not Another Meeting: Designing PD that Teachers Actually Want

Room: NC-10

Led by Principal Rich Czyz
Yardville Elementary School

"This meeting could have been an email." We've all thought it, and so have your teachers! It's time to flip the script on predictable staff meetings and shift your school's professional development culture from compliance to genuine engagement.

Join us for Not Another Meeting: Designing PD That Teachers Actually Want, a highly interactive session where we will unpack 12 dynamic, ready-to-implement PD structures. You'll learn about Professional Development strategies first-hand to revitalize your meetings, respect educators' time, and spark real inspiration among staff.

Come ready to collaborate, swap best practices with fellow educational leaders, and walk away with a toolkit of PD structures you can use immediately. Let's stop talking at teachers and start making professional development something colleagues actually look forward to!

Protecting Achievement in a Pinch:

Maximizing Free Tools for Digital SAT Success

Room: NA-3

Led by Assistant Principal Ryann DiNatale and Sarah Harker
Shawnee High School

When budget constraints force difficult cuts like the PSAT, student readiness doesn't have to suffer- it just requires a shift in strategy. This session will provide a foundational overview of the digital SAT structure before sharing one district's ongoing journey of leveraging the College Board's completely free digital platform. We will break down our current process for orchestrating school-wide practice SAT exams via the Bluebook app and utilizing the Educator Question Bank to target learning gaps. Attendees will leave with a clear understanding of the digital test format, and a practical framework to provide staff with actionable domain data and unlimited student practice without spending a dime.