2026 CABE/CAPSS Convention At A Glance

Together We Lead Strong Schools and Successful Students

Friday, November 20, 2026

7:30 - 8:30 AM Registration Begins ..... Mystic Ballroom
Networking and Continental Breakfast | Exhibit Area Opens ..... Mystic Ballroom

8:30 - 10:30 AM Welcome ..... Marriott Ballroom
Student Performance | Remarks | CAPSS Superintendent of the Year
Keynote Address - ***Dr. Phelton Moss, Managing Director of Government Relations, NSBA***

10:35 - 11:55 AM Session A Workshops

A1 Legislative Update (EC, APE, TLEL, GOV, PP) ..... Conference Room 5
A2 Communicating Effectively About Your Budget (EC, APE, GOV) ..... Marriott Salon B
A3 A New Chapter in Teacher Dismissal: What the Challenges to the Teacher Tenure Act Mean for Board Members and Superintendents (GOV) ..... Conference Room 1
A4 Electrifying School Transportation: A Roadmap for Partnership, Finance, and Communications (EC, GOV) ..... Conference Room 2
A5 Blue Ribbon Commission on School Funding and Accountability (EC, APE, TLEL, GOV, PP) ..... Marriott Salon C
A6 Career Pathways - Pathways to Possibilities (EC, APE, TLEL, GOV, PP) ..... Marriott Salon A
A7 Go Beyond Teaching Spanish, Cultivate Biliteracy (TLEL) ..... Conference Room 3
A8 Meeting with the State Board of Education (EC, APE, TLEL, GOV, PP) ..... Conference Room 7

12:00 - 12:30 PM Networking, Reception, Exhibits ..... Mystic Ballroom
12:30 - 1:45 PM Luncheon | Acknowledgment of Guests | Student Performance | Networking.... ..... Marriott Ballroom
1:45 - 2:15 PM Dessert/Networking in Exhibit Area ..... Mystic Ballroom

2:20 - 3:40 PM Session B Workshops

B1 Roles and Responsibilities of Board of Education Members and Superintendents (EC, APE, TLEL, GOV, PP) ..... Conference Room 1
B2 Understanding Connecticut's Freedom of Information Act (Including Recent Updates) (EC, GOV) ..... Conference Room 5
B3 Leading Together: Aligning Diverse Perspectives for Effective School Governance (GOV) ..... Conference Room 2
B4 Ahead of the Algorithm: AI Integration Essentials for School Leaders (TLEL, PP) ..... Marriott Salon C
B5 Special Ed Reform Legislation, One Year Later: Where Are We Now? (EC, APE) ..... Conference Room 7
B6 Superintendents and Boards Working Toward Shared Governance (GOV) ..... Conference Room 3
B7 Beyond Incremental Change: Rethinking High School Through Pathways and System Redesign (EC, PP, TLEL) ..... Marriott Salon B

2:20 - 4:20 PM Session C Clinic

C1 38th Annual Meeting of the Nutmeg Board (EC, APE, TLEL, GOV, PP) ..... Marrott Salon A

3:50 - 5:15PM Session D Workshops

D1 Legal Issues (EC, APE, TLEL, GOV, PP) ..... Marriott Salon B
D2 From Advocacy to Action: Advancing Educator Diversity and Retention (EC, APE, GOV, PP) Conference Room 7
D3 Policy (EC, APE, TLEL, GOV, PP) ..... Conference Room 1
D4 Shared Services in Connecticut Schools: What's Working, What's Not, and What We're Learning EC, APE, TLEL, GOV, PP) ..... Marriott Salon C
D5 Board Chair Check In (EC, APE, TLEL, GOV, PP) ..... Conference Room 5
D6 District Accreditation: A Framework for Coherence and Alignment (TLEL) ..... Conference Room 2

5:30 - 6:05 PM Reception ..... Marriott Prefunction Space
6:05 - 8:15 PM Dinner ..... Marriott Ballroom
Election Results | President's Remarks | Teacher of the Year
Evening Program
8:15 - 11:00 PM Evening Reception ..... Mystic Ballroom

APE - Advocacy for Public Education | EC - Effective Communications | GOV - Governance: The Superintendent/Board Partnership
PP - Pathway Possibilities | TLEL - Teaching and Learning that Meets the Needs of Every Learner

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Saturday, November 21, 2026

7:30 - 8:30 AM Registration Begins – Networking and Continental Breakfast

8:30 - 9:30 AM General Session ..... Marriott Ballroom
Welcome | Student Performance
Keynote Address - ***Beyond the Boardroom: Navigating the Realities of School Governance Today!***
Leonard Lockhart President, NSBA; Immediate Past President, CABE (Windsor)
Mary Broderick. Past President, NSBA; Past President, CABE (East Lyme)
Jeffrey Newton, 2026 Connecticut Superintendent of the Year (East Lyme)

9:35 - 10:45 AM Student Session - Policy into Practice (EC, APE, TLEL, GOV, PP) ..... Marrott Salon A

9:35 - 10:45 AM Session E Workshops

E1 The Instructional Core: What Should School Board Members Know About It? (TLEL, GOV) . Conference Room 5
E2 AI Powered, Human-Centered: A Systems Approach to District Implementation (TLEL, GOV) .. Marriott Salon C
E3 Critical Issues – Productive Boards (APE) ..... Conference Room 1
E4 Public Comment and Your Board – Best Practices for Effective Communication (EC, APE) Conference Room 7
E5 Innovative Partnerships: We Are in this Together (GOV) ..... Conference Room 2

9:35 - 11:35 AM Session F Clinic

F1 Safer Schools Start with a Connection: A Proven Approach for District Leaders (EC, TLEL) ..... Marriott Salon B

10:50 AM - 12:00 PM Session G Workshops

G1 Transforming Dysfunction into Direction: What We Learned Rebuilding Our Board-Superintendent Partnership (EC, GOV) ..... Conference Room 5
G2 Planning for What's Next: Aligning facilities, Enrollment, and Learning (TLEL) ..... Conference Room 7
G3 PK3 Leadership Matters to Ensure Successful Pathways to High School Graduation and Beyond (TLEL) ..... Conference Room 1
G4 Bringing Your Vision of the Graduate to Life with Personal Interest Projects (TLEL, PP) ..... Conference Room 2

12:05 - 1:35 PM Luncheon | Adjourn

Workshops

Workshops are typically one hour and ten minutes to one hour and 35 minutes. These sessions often provide multiple presenters and allow for questions and answers.

Clinics

Clinics are two hours in length and allow presenters and participants alike to dig deeper into a subject. While participants will not be experts following a Clinic, you will walk away with a solid foundation in the topic delivered.

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