

Blueprints for Tomorrow: Designing the Next Era of Learning

November 4–6, 2025 | Minneapolis, MN

AGENDA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025		
TIME	EVENT	
5-8:30pm	Reception and Kickoff Dinner	Speakers
	Wired for Connection: Reimagining Engagement in a Digital World In a world buzzing with notifications and distractions, engagement has become one of the biggest challenges—and greatest opportunities—in education. We kick off the 2025 Exchange by exploring what it really means to spark and sustain student engagement through a deep sense of purpose, strong relationships, and meaningful, relevant learning experiences. Dr. Andreas Schleicher will explore the science behind motivation and connection, and how emotional intelligence and the smart, ethical application of technology can fuel each student's journey to a successful future.	Dr. Andreas Schleicher
	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025	
All Day	Registration and SEL Main Street	
7–8am	Breakfast & Networking	
8:30–10am	Opening Plenary	Speakers
	CTRL+ALT+SEL: Programming for Resilience in the Digital Age As we equip students with the tools of tomorrow, can resilience and technology advance together? This dynamic panel discussion explores the complex relationship between digital tools and the social and emotional skills that students need to thrive. Together, we'll examine how we can integrate SEL with innovative technologies to create learning pathways that prepare young people for their futures. From SEL apps to virtual peer support networks, we'll dig into real-world tools and practices and their impact on students' ability to cope with stress, stay connected, and grow stronger in the face of adversity.	Dr. Ann Masten Dr. Barbara Mullen Plenary Moderator: Dr. Kimberly A. Schonert-Reichl



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10-10:45am	Exhibit Hall Visit	
10:45am-12pm	75-Minute Breakout Session #1	Speakers
	Social Media and Mental Health: Using SEL to Shift the Narrative How would you like to shift the conversation around social media and youth mental health from fear-based to strengths-based? In this session, you'll engage in discussion and activities exploring both positive and negative effects of social media on youth. You'll leave with an understanding of how SEL-aligned strategies can help mitigate social media's negative effects, foster healthy social media use among students, and leverage youth voice to create safer digital communities.	Gitanjali Nair Laura Hurwitz Marija Hegel
	Inspiring Emotionally Healthy Boys: From Stereotypes to SEL Success Stereotypes, biases, and misconceptions about boys' emotional health and well-being remain pervasive in our school and wider cultures. From shifting societal pressures to harmful narratives of masculinity, it is imperative that all schools work to advance transformative SEL that adapts to the shifting needs of boys. In this session, you'll explore three practical, evidence-led SEL strategies that you can take away to improve boys' engagement and well-being, alongside case studies from schools.	Elizabeth McLeod Nick Haisman-Smith
	Club Kinship: Strengthening SEL in OST Settings How can out-of-school time (OST) settings strengthen emotional development and a sense of belonging? Explore findings from a study of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Washington's Mental Health Promotion Pilot program (MHPP), which used program observations, staff interviews, and youth listening sessions to identify effective strategies, challenges, and opportunities. The study highlights how OST organizations can better support staff to meet the social-emotional needs of youth through the MHPP model.	Helen Lee Janelle Salcedo Jenny Vollmer Jovani Azpeitia Lauren Day



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	Elevating Student Voice: The Powerful Impact of Youth Participatory Evaluation Listen in as middle and high school students share their experiences with youth participatory evaluation (YPE), a practice in which young people participate in evaluating the programs, organizations, and systems designed to serve them. You'll also hear from their superintendent, the research and evaluation department, and a YPE consultant as they explore YPE's role in district decision-making and developing district culture, effective practices, and common challenges.	Eric Moore Erin Rathke Jason Pelowski Khrisslyn Goodman
	Findings From Randomized Controlled Trials (RCTs) of the "Flourish Curriculum" and "Coping Power" Explore the findings on two evidence-based programs and recommendations for high-fidelity implementation of these and other school-based programs. The first presentation focuses on a randomized controlled trial of the Flourish Curriculum in the context of the Compassionate Schools Project in elementary schools, while the second focuses on the Coping Power Program, which aims to prevent behavioral and mental health problems in youth, grades 4-10.	Catherine Bradshaw Clark McKown Scott Gest
	The Missed Opportunity of Adolescence: Rebuilding SEL Programming for High School Student Success Learn strategies to rebuild SEL programming in a high school drawn from recent research. A team from Austin Independent School District will share their approach, including teacher empowerment through an SEL task force, collaborative problem-solving teams, and developing SEL demonstration teachers. You'll engage with the "Missed Opportunity of Adolescence" research and analyze the Travis Indicators of Best SEL Practices to improve your own programs.	David Bellesen Heather Merritt Sarah Hodges Shreya Vohra



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	The Power of Upstream Prevention: Reducing Suicide Through SEL Learn about key findings from several studies on Sources of Strength, a strengths-based, peer-led SEL program that significantly reduced suicide attempts and deaths in secondary schools. Through interactive discussions and examination of emerging research, you'll explore how SEL can be a key element in preventing suicide and creating environments of well-being. You'll leave with research-backed insights and practical tools to strengthen SEL initiatives at home.	Scott LoMurray
	Successfully Navigating SEL Policy Chaos New policy risks and opportunities at federal and state levels are deeply informing how SEL advances across our country's classroom. How can SEL proponents respond to these policy changes to keep moving their SEL work forward? This session will highlight relevant bills, trends, and case studies to equip advocates for effective policy advancement and will provide practical guidance for SEL proponents to weather our ongoing shared policy chaos.	Jordan Posamentier
	Equations and Empathy: SEL Meets Math How can we transform math classrooms into dynamic spaces where students not only think deeply but grow as humans? In this session, explore how intentional instructional moves—based on research-informed classroom practices—paired with Al-powered task creation create a learning environment that develops both mathematical thinking and essential social-emotional skills.	Christy Tainter Jennifer Riggle



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	Brain-Aligned Practices for Multilingual Newcomers: Belonging, Engagement, and Success	Scott Brenda Ward Jacqueline Grider
	How can we create learning environments where multilingual newcomers feel safe, connected, and engaged? This session explores brain-aligned SEL practices that build routines, belonging, and confidence to participate fully in classroom learning. You'll engage in hands-on activities, gain actionable strategies rooted in neuroscience, and leave with tools to support language acquisition, mental wellness, and academic success.	
	SEL Sustainability: Anchoring Practices in a District's Systems In today's ever-changing landscape, understand how to build upon current frameworks and practices with minimal resources to embed SEL across your organization for future sustainability. You'll learn about how a mid-sized urban district anchored foundational practices within current systems in a time of organizational change at the individual, school, and district levels. You'll identify key stakeholders and practical next steps within your organization to advance SEL implementation.	Christina Perault- Boughton Dawn White
	Systemic Change for Tomorrow: Innovation by States, Districts, and Schools What happens when an educator union representative, a principal from an urban district, a teacher leader, a SEL developer, and a CASEL founder lead a breakout? Join an interactive discussion about multiple approaches to implementing CASEL's systemic model from federal/state governments to districts and schools. You'll consider new ways to implement high-quality systemic SEL and have an impact on mental health and well-being of children and educators.	Amanda Rodriguez Dorothy Morelli Jillian Ahrens Mark Greenberg Sandy Williams



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	Defining Success: Integrating Portraits of a Graduate into College and Career Pathways SEL, academics, and career-connected learning are often siloed, leading to fragmented student experiences. Join Jing Cox-Orrell of American Student Assistance and CASEL's Dr. Rista Plate to explore how Portraits of a Graduate can offer a powerful framework to unify these efforts by defining the skills students need for success beyond high school. You'll gain strategies to turn these visions into meaningful systems change that supports all students.	Jing Cox-Orrell Rista Plate
	PechaKucha Presentations: Fresh Ideas in SEL In this fast-paced format, each presenter shares 20 slides in 7 minutes. You'll get a quick, inspiring glimpse into innovative SEL practices, tools, and insights. Presentations:	
	Turning Pages, Building Futures: The Power of SEL Through Literacy	Micaela Gerardin-Frey Trish Shaffer
	Strengthening School Belonging: SEL Strategies for Adopted, Fostered, and Looked-After Children	Max Weinberg
	Students as Course Designers: The Next Era of Learning	Kimberly Hellerich
	Empowering the Digital Generation: SEL Skills for Digital Well-Being	Emily Walz
	Funny Girls and The Second City: Improvisation as a Methodology to Teach SEL	Jill Frutkin Kelly Leonard



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	Research Papers: Emerging Findings in SEL	
	Hear from leading scholars as they share new research on SEL's impact across diverse contexts. Each paper presentation will be followed by brief discussion.	
	Papers:	
	Advancing Economic Mobility Through Entrepreneurship-Based SEL in Out-of-School Time	Jeremy Taylor
	Advancing Children's Social and Emotional Competences Through a Compassion-Based SEL Program	Kimberly A. Schonert-Reichl Robert Roeser Tyralynn Frazier
	College Enrollment: Essential Skills for Students With and Without Disabilities	Cristina Anguiano- Carrasco Dana Murano Jill McVey Kristin Phipps
	Neurodiverse Learning Attributes Supported by Academic and SEL Implementation	Drew Bowman Gina Cherkowski
12-1:15pm	Lunch in the Ballroom Exhibit Hall Visit	



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1:15-2:30pm	75-Minute Breakout Session #2	Speakers
	From Hype to Humanity: Using AI to Amplify SEL This workshop challenges educators to put SEL at the center of the AI revolution by interrogating what's hype versus what's helpful in building social and emotional skills, supportive relationships, and motivating learning environments in our schools. Using the five SEL competencies as a guide, we'll examine how educators can use AI to sharpen self-reflection, guard against over-reliance, mitigate bias, and support decision-making. You'll leave with practical guidance, provocative questions, and a confident stance to shape human-centered AI policies, products, and practices in your schools and districts.	Claire Schu Heather Schwartz Jessica Bernstein Mary Hurley
	From Evidence to Action: Taiwan's Systematic Journey to National Implementation In just five years, Taiwan turned SEL from an unfamiliar idea into a cornerstone of national education policy. This session takes you on that journey—exploring the research, challenges, and breakthroughs that made it possible. Through an engaging, evidence-backed narrative, you'll discuss key strategies, reflect on your own context, and take away actionable lessons to inform policy, practice, and research.	Hsueh-Chih Chen Marissa Yi- Hsuan Wu Wen-Chi Huang
	What's the Story With Curriculum Storyboards? by States, Districts, and Schools Curriculum storyboards are a blueprint that dynamically depicts curricular units in a way that's student- and parent-friendly. In this session, you'll learn about the use of curriculum storyboards within an educational leadership preparation program, as well as within a doctoral program for social, emotional, and academic leadership. You'll gain insights into graduate students' perceptions of the creation and use of curriculum storyboards.	Kimberly Hellerich Maureen Ruby



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	Elevating Youth Voice Through Service-Learning: A Pathway to SEL and Civic Engagement Unleash the power of youth voice and leadership through service-learning! This interactive session explores how engaging young people in solving community problems fosters SEL, civic engagement, and real-world skill development. Discover research-backed strategies to co-create meaningful opportunities with youth, empowering them to problem-solve, build positive relationships, and apply their learning in authentic scenarios—nurturing life skills and driving lasting impact.	Feven Tesfaye Julie Rogers Bascom Susan Ward Roncalli
	Depoliticizing SEL to Optimize Workforce and Economic Success How can we shift the narrative around SEL from a politically charged issue to a vital component of workforce development and economic success? Why does this shift matter? Engage in a discussion about key industry needs for SEL skills; link SEL with career success and economic flourishing in an Al-driven economy; emphasize the importance of research rigor; and outline strategies, tools, and resources to depoliticize SEL implementation.	Chris Cipriano Jason Atwood Jeremy Taylor
	Transformative SEL in Action: Cultivating Changemakers Through Global Competence Join us to champion global competence, the heart of transformative SEL. In this session, you'll engage with the Global Competence Matrix and its Knowledge to Action Framework through activities facilitated by adults and young people. Learn how over 95 percent of students cultivated their proficiency in global competence skills, 88 percent now feel more confident and comfortable speaking with others, and 94 percent felt challenged by the Knowledge to Action Framework.	Aubrey Icart Bashayir Mohamed Ethan Abrahamson Maya Kruger Sabrina Winkleman



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	Beyond Self-Reporting: Machine Learning and Natural Language for SEL Measurement Traditional SEL assessments depend on Likert-scale surveys and self-reports, but emerging technologies now allow us to measure SEL through natural language processing data. Explore how machine learning, speech and text analytics, and Al-driven assessment models are transforming SEL measurement into more objective, scalable, and research-backed insights. Engage with real-world SEL data and discuss strategies for districtwide implementation and policy integration.	Danny Byun Francisco Escobedo Jessica Mathy Joshua Arnold Roman Del Rosario
	An SEL Blueprint for the Future of Learning Create a future-ready SEL blueprint considering the broad trends impacting the next 10 years of K-12 education, from artificial intelligence ecologies to adaptive responses to the climate crisis to the implications of social fragmentation to more specific drivers of change. Take a peek into expansive future possibilities to help yourself make better and more intentional decisions today about the vision for SEL that you want to shape.	Katherine Prince
	The SEL-dom Seen: Measuring SEL Implementation Across System Levels Learn about strategies to measure SEL implementation drawn from a federally funded research study. You'll examine examples from several districts that showcase classroom, school, and district measures of SEL implementation (e.g., strategies, completeness, duration), and participate in a discussion with an SEL program purveyor on the use of SEL implementation measures to promote systemic SEL in real-world schools and districts.	Catherine Corbin Taylor Ullrich



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	Advancing Student Engagement: Theater, SEL, and Trauma-Informed Practices in Education	Camille Thomas Samuel Leopold
	Explore how theater-based, trauma-informed, and SEL-aligned strategies enhance student engagement and learning in this interactive session. Engage in hands-on activities, analyze case studies from the Student Voice and Engagement project, and discuss practical applications for their own contexts. You'll leave with evidence-based tools to integrate SEL and trauma-informed practices into arts education, fostering student resilience, collaboration, and creativity.	
	Equation for Inclusion: Structuring Math Lessons With SEL in Mind Explore how integrating SEL into math instruction through structured lesson openings and closings can enhance student engagement, build a strong classroom community, and improve academic outcomes. Drawing from the Integrated Math 1 curriculum co-developed for Denver Public Schools and Coherent Math, this presentation will showcase strategies for embedding SEL competencies into daily instruction.	Ashley Burch Saira Galindo Vazquez
	15 Years of SEL Blueprints to Design the Next Era of Learning Join state and district SEL leaders for an insightful exchange of lessons learned from over 15 years of implementing and transforming SEL. Featuring leaders from three urban districts and two states, this session will highlight strategies for long-term, systemic SEL integration to promote student engagement, achievement, and wellness. You'll gain actionable tools and insights to design future-focused, SEL-driven schools that prepare students for the challenges and opportunities ahead.	Adam King LaNesha Battle Mai Xi Lee Trish Shaffer



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	Getting SEL Implementation Right SEL's impact on student outcomes is only as effective as its implementation. Yet there has been little research on effective SEL implementation. Based on in-depth studies of systemic implementation of SEL in rural, suburban, and urban districts, this session offers insights into the strategies, programs, and infrastructure supports that lead to greater depth in systemic SEL implementation, better academic integration, more significant faculty investment, and more successful student outcomes.	Sheldon Berman
	PechaKucha Presentations: Fresh Ideas in SEL In this fast-paced format, each presenter shares 20 slides in 7 minutes. You'll get a quick, inspiring glimpse into innovative SEL practices, tools, and insights. Presentations:	
	SEL-Informed Sports Enrichment: Supporting Well- Being for Lifelong Success	Julie Goldstein Kerry Boyle Stephen Boyle
	One Trusted Adult, One Trusted Peer	Amy Samosky Bridget Fiore
	The Superhero Within: Protecting and Empowering LGBTQ+ Students in High-Risk Contexts	Elmeka Henderson
	Empowering Students: How Autonomy Develops Essential Skills	Devi Sahny
	From Therapy to Television: Scaling SEL for the Next Generation	Callie Christensen Kelly Oriard



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	Impacts of Year-Long Professional Learning Experience on Education Faculty	Deirdre Hon Josh Lovett Rebecca Baelen
	It's Getting Physical! Emotional Competencies and Teachers' Physiological Well-Being	Alison Hooper Hayley MacDonald Summer Braun
	Coding With Care: Integrating SEL Into Computer Science in Secondary School	Helen Lee Janelle Salcedo Jovani Azpeitia
	SEL Unplugged: Colombian Deans on Gaps, Barriers and Breakthroughs	Ana María Velásquez Angela María Jaramillo Maria Natalia Marin Suarez
2:30-3:15pm	Exhibit Hall Visit	<u> </u>



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3:15-4:30pm	75-Minute Fireside Chats	Speakers
	Common Ground and Constructive Tension: A Candid Conversation on SEL's Role in Education This fireside chat brings together diverse viewpoints to explore the opportunities and challenges of SEL in today's schools. Through candid, constructive dialogue, panelists will unpack key tensions, question assumptions, and seek areas of common ground to support students' success.	Dr. Michael Strambler Mike Petrilli Dr. Sara Rimm-Kaufman
	Reimagining Belonging and Engagement: From Educators to Every Student Explore how school systems can foster authentic engagement by centering belonging—for both students and educators. This fireside chat highlights strategies to move beyond compliance, build human-centered environments, and create the conditions where people want to show up and thrive.	Dr. Hedy Chang Dr. Kevin Armstrong Tommy Chang
	Powering SEL From the Ground Up: Lessons in Implementation and Impact Explore how school systems build, scale, and sustain systemic SEL from the inside out. This conversation brings together leaders from schools, districts, and the national field to share how they've turned strategy into daily practice—navigating policy shifts, centering student voice, building support across communities, and working together to make SEL stick.	Heather Schwartz Jim Vetter Dr. Kamilah Drummond-Forester Dr. Beth Rice
	Protecting What Matters: Staying the Course for Students' Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning Contrary to decades of research, longstanding bipartisan support, and consistent approval from parents in national polling, SEL has been increasingly targeted in divisive political debates. Despite the challenges, leaders at the federal, state and local levels are standing firm in their commitment to meeting students' academic, social and emotional needs. Join us for a timely conversation with leaders who are navigating the current climate in different contexts, and come away with strategies and insights you can use to protect and advance SEL.	Dr. Aaliyah Samuel Skye Perryman



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5-6:30pm	A Toast to Innovation (Poster Reception)	
6-8pm	Movie: Counted Out	

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7am-12:30pm	SEL Main Street		
7–8am	Breakfast & Networking		
8:30-10am	Featured Sessions	Speakers	
	Al/Technology	David Adams Dr. Chris Cipriano	
	Learning Pathways	Eric Gordon	
	Mental Health and Well-Being	Dr. Doug Bolton	
	Student Engagement	Dr. Marc Brackett	
10-10:45am	Exhibit Hall Visit		
10:45am-12pm	75-Minute Breakout Session #3	Speakers	
	Writing for Well-Being: SEL Strategies for Student Growth Writing is a powerful tool for SEL, fostering self-awareness, resilience, and mental well-being. In this interactive session, you'll explore evidence-based strategies for integrating reflective writing into SEL instruction, engage in hands-on activities, and gain actionable tools to support students' mental health and emotional growth. You'll leave with resources to create writing spaces that empower students to process emotions and share their voices.	Gabriela Oliveira Kait Steele	



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	#GirlDrama: Strategies for Building Resilience and Self-Worth Girls today face unique challenges. Join this session to engage in interactive discussions and activities and learn evidence-based strategies to foster resilience, emotional intelligence, and healthy self-esteem. This session is perfect for educators and youth leaders looking to enhance engagement, outreach, and best practices in supporting girls' social-emotional development.	Candice Avery
	Empowering Educators: Leveraging Al and Tech for SEL Explore how Al and mobile technology can transform educator SEL and well-being in underserved, low-connectivity regions like Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula. This session features hands-on demonstrations of an SEL mobile application and an Al tool offering real-time, personalized strategies for teacher support. You'll engage in collaborative reflection and learn human-centered design practices for scaling equitable, sustainable SEL implementation.	Daniela Labra Cardero Leandro Chernicoff
	Bridging Research and Community: Co-Interpreting Data for Student Well-Being Explore how community collaboration transforms student well-being data into action. In 2024, Colombian students (4th-11th grade) completed the Youth Well-Being Survey (YBS) to assess well-being and SEL. In 2025, researchers and community members co-interpreted the data, combining research and local insights to set priorities and develop action plans. You'll engage in this process and reflect on applying these strategies in your own contexts.	Angela María Jaramillo Denise Buote Kimberly A. Schonert-Reichl Nanook Smildiger



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	Al in Action: Explore Personalized SEL Through Research and Practice Hear from researchers and education leaders with firsthand experience testing new models of Al-assisted tools that guide students through personalized SEL activities. Test drive a sample activity and hear from an administrator about how Al is having an impact on student outcomes in their district. Learn about new research on SEL-focused tech and best practices on how to build, vet, and implement SEL-tech tools including those with Al.	Brenda Pena Elsa Friis Justin Long
	Evidence and Implementation for Whole-School Approaches to SEL in Secondary Schools In this session, you'll examine the implementation of SEL programs and the important elements needed to facilitate positive student outcomes in secondary schools and explore two whole-school approaches to fostering SEL and positive school climate in middle and high schools. This is your chance to learn about early findings on the implementation and impact of these two approaches and engage in discussion around challenges and opportunities for SEL in your local context.	Celene Domitrovich Jessica Hoffmann Lucy Nonas-Barnes Yibing Li Yinmei Wan
	Transformative SEL: Centering Equity and Justice in PreK-6 Classrooms In this interactive session, you'll gain guidance and strategies for infusing transformative social and emotional (tSEL) in your instruction and across other content areas. You'll explore ways to foster professional learning communities and identify practical approaches to overcome these challenges in applying tSEL work in your educational settings and leave with actionable strategies to effectively reflect and implement tSEL in school contexts.	Alessandra Ward Chu Ly



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	Essential Skills for Workplace Success: From Evidence to Action Essential skills—collaboration, resilience, leadership, work ethic, creativity, and integrity—are critical for success in the workforce. In this session, you'll explore the data and evidence that support this claim and consider which stakeholders in your workplace could benefit from learning about the evidence. You'll also examine what decisions or changes evidence could drive and brainstorm ways to effectively communicate this evidence to your stakeholders.	Cristina Anguiano- Carrasco Dana Murano Jill McVey Kristin Phipps
	Leading the Next Era in Higher Education: Embedding SEL Into Educator Preparation How can we prepare future educators to teach and embody SEL? In this session, faculty from multiple Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs) share how they integrate SEL into coursework, clinical practice, assessment, and programmatic elements based on new higher education SEL standards in Oregon. You'll reflect on best practices and challenges in integrating SEL throughout teacher preparation and leave with actionable strategies to elevate SEL in your own institution.	Deirdre Hon
	Scaling SEL: A Districtwide Approach to Student Growth and Success Discover how Los Angeles Unified School District's SEL Portfolios support student growth in self-awareness, self-management, decision-making, and more. This session showcases district strategies for getting schools to integrate SEL into instruction and schoolwide practices, tools for assessing student reflections, and the impact of SEL on academic thriving and lifelong learning. You'll engage in interactive discussions and hands-on rubric calibration to strengthen SEL implementation.	Karla Lopez



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	Assessing for Impact: Leveraging SEL Data to Transform Learning Experiences Explore how intentional assessment practices can reveal critical insights about students' social and emotional development, strengths, and needs at school. Consider how insights from learning conditions surveys and SEL skills assessments can enable educators to make more informed decisions that authentically integrate opportunities for students to cultivate social and emotional skills into academic content, instruction, and the learning environment.	Almog Porat Kelly Frazier-Wawire Rebecca Zisook
	Prioritizing Leader and Educator Well-Being and Readiness Is Critical for Tomorrow's Learning To create harmonious learning environments for students and adults, leaders and educators must nurture their own skills, knowledge, and practices (individual and organizational) that enhance their own and the school's well-being. In this session, you'll learn about and try out a series of practices to build organization wide systems that nurture well-being, relationships, and engagement for adults and students.	Nick Yoder Stephanie Johnson
	Future Leaders: Amplifying Student Voices for Tomorrow's Challenges In this dynamic student-led workshop, you'll explore the power of student voice, advocacy, and SEL. Through interactive activities and collaborative discussions, you'll learn how the development of a division wide student voice network empowers students and fosters essential future-ready skills. By the end of the session, you'll gain actionable insights and tools to enhance student engagement and advocacy in their educational environments.	Beulah Sarsah Heather Wines Kareena Grover Melissa Viola-Askey Shavonne Davis



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	Examining the Landscape of SEL Measures in School- Based SEL Interventions	Chris Cipriano Sophie Barnes Stephanie Jones
	Social and Emotional Competencies From 4th to 12th Grade	Sara Rimm- Kaufman
	Streamlining SEL Competencies: Research-Based Insights for Improving Assessments	Essie Sutton
	Transforming Questionnaire Administration into an SEL-Driven Dialogic Learning Opportunity	David Ratner
12-12:30pm	Lunch	
	Closing Plenary	
	Heartwired: Leading With Purpose and Emotional Intelligence in a Tech-Driven World	
	In an age defined by rapid innovation, the greatest disruption in education may not be technology—but how we lead through it. Leaders from the classroom to the boardroom face a profound challenge: how to empower students in the digital age while embracing the human skills that matter most. In our closing plenary, our speaker ties together our shared learning around engagement, resilience, technology, and future readiness. Drawing on experiences in business and civic life, they will leave you with a renewed vision for how to lead with purpose, emotional intelligence, and ethical clarity in the digital age.	