

# 2023 West Education & CIO Congress

Loews Hollywood Los Angeles | October 1st - 3rd

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Here are a few session highlights for this year's event:*

## KEYNOTES

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### **"Humanizing and Sustaining Ourselves as Leaders"**

*Dr. Susan Enfield, Superintendent - WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (NV)*

### **"The State of EdTech: Trends & Leadership"**

*Keith Krueger, CEO of CoSN*

## FEATURED SESSIONS

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### **"The House that Confidence Built: Believe & Achieve"**

*Derrick Conley, Assistant Superintendent - PINE TREE ISD (TX)*

### **"Community Conversations that Work"**

*Dr. Jane Stavem - Superintendent, SIOUX FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT (SD)*

### **"Keep It Tight, Keep It Loose: Balancing Autonomy and Alignment"**

*Dr. Keonna White, Executive Director for Curriculum & Professional Development &  
Dr. Deena Cornblum, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction -  
WACO ISD (TX)*

### **"Facing the Future: Exploring AI in K12 for Next-Generation Learners"**

*Sharo Dickerson, Director of Technology Integration & Blended Learning - EL PASO ISD (TX),  
Marlo Gaddis, Chief Technology Officer - WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (NC), &  
Mark Lyons, Program Director of Instructional Technology & STEM Integration - SAGINAW INTERMEDIATE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT (MI)*

## ROUNDTABLES

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### **"Strategies for Upskilling IT Staff: Recruitment, Retention, and PD"**

*Ruben Montoya, Director of EdTech Systems - ALHAMBRA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT (AZ)*

### **"We've Implemented 1:1...Now What?"**

*Ken McClung, Executive Director of Enterprise Support Services - GWINNETT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
(GA)*

### **"Securing the Future: Addressing Cybersecurity Challenges in K-12 Education"**

*Joshua Holmes, Director of Networking, Information and Data Systems - FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (CA)*

### **"Creating Smooth Transitions to Future College and Career through P-TECHs"**

*Courtney Sharkey, Director of CTE - RICHARDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (TX)*

# 2023 West Special Education Congress

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*Dr. Susan Enfield - Superintendent, WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (NV)*

### **"It Begins with You - Be the Difference Maker"**

*Terrence Davis - Superintendent, BANNING UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (CA)*

*Leah Davis - Executive Director, RIVERSIDE COUNTY SELPA (CA)*

## FEATURED SESSIONS

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### **"Teacher Recruitment and Retention: Combatting the Economics of Supply and Demand in a National Teacher Shortage"**

*Dr. Elizabeth Long - Director of Special Education Services, HUNTSVILLE CITY SCHOOLS (AL)*

*Lee Simmons - Director of Talent Management, HUNTSVILLE CITY SCHOOLS (AL)*

### **"Building a Behavioral Support Team That Promotes Student and Staff Wellness"**

*Dr. Christina Sepiol - Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, INDIAN PRAIRIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 204 (IL)*

*Deborah Bumber - Behavior Specialist, INDIAN PRAIRIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 204 (IL)*

### **"Expect and Inspect: Data Meetings with the Exceptional Educator"**

*Dr. Rachel Poovey - Assistant Superintendent of Student Support Services, TRUSSVILLE CITY SCHOOLS (AL)*

### **"Meeting FAPE in the New World of Teacher Shortages for Students with Autism"**

*Pamela Wimbish - Director of Special Education, BIRMINGHAM CITY SCHOOLS (AL)*

## ROUNDTABLES

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### **"Meeting Children Where They Are"**

*Alvado Willis - Director of Special Education, ST. LANDRY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD (LA)*

### **"Leveraging Accessibility for Students with IEPs Through Promising Practices in Creating School Culture, Climate, and Sense of Community"**

*Dr. Wanda Gadsden - Executive Director of Special Services, DORCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO (SC)*

### **"Enhancing Learning with Multi-Sensory Instruction: A Roundtable Discussion"**

*Nicole Tyo - Director of Special Education, SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS (OH)*

### **"Beyond Labels: The Power of Identity-First Language in Special Education"**

*Amy Beams - Executive Director of Special Services, YUKON PUBLIC SCHOOLS (OK)*