



2025 SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AGENDA

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Monday, September 22

- 5:00 pm **Check-in starts** - Ruttger's front desk
- 7:30-9:00 pm **President's Reception - Bear Pine Bar and lobby**
Jumpstart your conference experience by joining us for the President's Reception! This event is a fantastic opportunity to socialize, connect and network with fellow private and independent school leaders, presenters and sponsors. First-time attendees are highly encouraged to attend. Drink tickets and snack mix provided.

Tuesday, September 23 - Day 1 Sessions

- 7:00-8:00 am Breakfast (Ruby's Dining Room)
- 8:00 am Conference check-in (Isle of Pines/Bird Island Conference Rooms)
- 8:10-8:35 am Welcome, introductions
- 8:35-9:05 am **Legislative Update: 2025 Programs and Policies Affecting Nonpublic Schools**
Tim Benz, President, MINNDEPENDENT
- 9:05-9:10 am Sponsor Spotlight: Langer Construction
- 9:10-9:30 am Networking Break/Visit Sponsors
- 9:30-9:35 am Sponsor Spotlight: Thrivent
- 9:35-10:50 am **SESSION 1: Advocacy and the Road Ahead for Non-Public Schools**, *John Elizandro, Senior Principal and Jill Sims, Principal, Park Street Public*
- 10:50-10:55 am Sponsor Spotlight: Slow Road Photo
- 10:55-11:00 am Networking Break/Visit Sponsors
- 11:00-11:05 am Sponsor Spotlight: FACTS
- 11:05-12:20 pm **SESSION 2: Purposeful Convergence: Intentional Recruiting, Onboarding and Coaching to Cultivate Strong Culture and Mission-Alignment in New Staff**, *Ben Tierney, Owner & Chief Consultant, Tierney Consulting*



12:20-12:25	Sponsor Spotlight: Enquiry Tracker
12:25-1:25 pm	Lunch and free time
1:25-1:30 pm	Sponsor Spotlight: Canopy IT Solutions
1:30-2:45 pm	Session 3: Stopping the Drift: Addressing the Teacher Attrition Challenge, <i>Cathy Tooley, Founder and CEO of Tools for Success</i>
2:45-2:50 pm	Sponsor Spotlight: Renaissance
2:50-2:55 pm	Day 1 Wrap Up
2:55-3:10 pm	Networking Break/Visit Sponsors
3:10-5:30 pm	Free Time - complimentary pontoon ride, reduced price golf, pickleball (weather permitting)
5:30-6:30 pm	Sponsor Reception - Bear Pine Bar and Lobby <i>Appetizers and drink tickets provided</i>
6:30 pm	Dinner (Ruby's Dining Room)
7:30 pm	Bonfire and Social Time

Wednesday, September 24 - Day 2 Sessions

7:00-8:00 am	Breakfast (Ruby's Dining Room)
8:00 am	Welcome
8:15-8:20 am	Sponsor Spotlight: Cognia
8:20-9:35 am	Session 4: AI-Ready Schools Start with AI-Ready Leaders, <i>Marcee Harris, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Teaching Channel & Sarah Murphy, Evaluation Manager & Professional Learning Specialist, Teaching Channel</i>
9:35-9:55 am	Networking Break/Visit Sponsors
9:55-11:10 am	Session 5: Parents Are Customers! Implications and Applications for this Paradigm Shift, <i>Ryan Ermeling, President & CEO, Parent Pulse</i>
11:10-11:30 am	Conclusion/Reflections/Adjourn