

General Session Descriptions

General Session – Wednesday, October 19 – 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Room – Marbella A/B

Presenters: Natalie Hoernschemeyer & Grant Wiens, Mickes O'Toole, LLC

Title: “Investigations 101”

Description: Please join us as we discuss best practices for conducting internal investigations with the level of expertise required in 2022. We will walk through the who, when, why, and how of interviews and collecting evidence. We will explain how to take notes as well as how to transform those notes into a top-notch report. Investigations are complex and litigation risk is high, so let us help you gain the tools to tackle them!

General Session – Wednesday, October 19 – 3:45-4:30 p.m.

Room – Marbella A/B

Presenter: Dr. Chris Neale, Assistant Commissioner

Title: “Federal Relief Program Update”

Description: Attendees will receive the latest federal relief fund information and guidance on fund status, use of funds, and fund monitoring along with information on possible future grants. Effective use of funds to meet students and educator's needs will be a major focus. Time for questions and answers will be provided.

General Session – Thursday, October 20 – 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Room – Marbella A/B

**Presenters: Scott Kimble, MASA Director of Legislative Advocacy
Kay McMurtrey, MO K-8, SE MASA & SC MASA Lobbyist**

Title: “2022 Legislative Session Update & Beyond”

Description: In this presentation, MARE's legislative team will discuss legislation that passed in the 2022 legislative session that affects public school districts. The group will also address issues likely to be presented during the 2023 session.

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General Session – Thursday, October 20 – 11:50-12:20 p.m. **Room – Marbella A/B**

Presenter: Dr. Paul Katnik, Assistant Commissioner

Title: “Missouri’s Teacher Shortage”

Description: How bad is it? How long might it last? What are we doing about it? This presentation explores all of these questions and more. Engage in this interactive discussion on the impact and solutions to the teacher shortage we are experiencing in Missouri.

General Session – Thursday, October 20 – 3:20-4:20 p.m. **Room – Marbella A/B**

Presenters: Attorneys from EdCounsel, LLC; Guin Mundorf, LLC; Mickes O'Toole, LLC and Tueth Keeney Cooper Mohan & Jackstadt, P.C.

Title: "Legal Panel Discussion - Hot Topics Q&A"

Description: Panel attorneys will provide answers to various "hot topic" questions that have been submitted prior to the session. An open "Q&A" session is also planned.

General Session – Friday, October 21 – 8:00 -9:00 a.m. **Room – Marbella A/B**

Presenter: Dr. Kari Monsees, Deputy Commissioner

Title: "School Finance & Governance Update"

Description: Dr. Monsees will provide updates on a variety of school finance and governance topics, including information on the status of the state budget and how it is impacting school funding in Missouri (Formula, CTF, Transportation, Prop C). Other topics include Federal Relief Funds and recent legislation. Time will be provided for questions and answers.

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General Session – Friday, October 21 – 9:10-10:00 a.m.

Room – Marbella A/B

Presenter: Dr. Margie Vandeven, DESE Commissioner

Title: "A Conversation with the Commissioner"

Description: Commissioner Vandeven will provide the audience with an update on current state education activities. She will answer questions and engage in casual dialogue with those in attendance.

General Session – Friday, October 21 – 10:05-10:55 a.m.

Room – Marbella A/B

Presenters: Duane Martin & Emily Omohundro, EdCounsel, LLC

Title: "Legal Guide to Goat Rodeos for School Leaders" *

Description: A "goat rodeo" is a term for a situation in which 100 things need to go right to avoid disaster. In our current landscape, school leadership and board membership can seem like one of these situations. In this session, attorneys from EdCounsel will discuss current legal issues that have the potential to spell disaster for Missouri public schools. Topics will include issues associated with gender identification, restrictions on student access to books and materials, new legal developments in personnel matters, and other legal issues that administrators and Board members should be aware of for the 2022-2023 school year.

*No animals were harmed in the development of this title!