2021 Tennessee Principals Conference
Conference Schedule and Guide

From Surviving to Thriving

Strategies for Transformational and Innovative Leadership

Our mission is to support, empower, and connect Tennessee Principals. Learn more at www.tnprin.org.
President’s Welcome

Dear Conference Attendee,

Welcome to the 2021 Tennessee Principals Conference sponsored by the Tennessee Principals Association (TPA)! The theme of the conference this year is “From Surviving to Thriving, Strategies for Transformational and Innovative Leadership.” We are delighted you will have the opportunity to experience high quality leadership development here in Music City.

We have organized high quality keynote speakers and breakout sessions for participants to enjoy during their conference experience. Our keynote speakers feature Hamish Brewer, Dr. Kevin Dyson, Matthew Portell, Beth Z, and Dr. Adrienne Battle! In addition to the general sessions, participants will have fifteen breakout sessions available. The Exhibit Hall will offer conference attendees access to businesses with up-to-date resources and products that support principals and schools. While the information and practices explained and discussed will provide important and practical information and skills for your use, they will only be beneficial if you take advantage of the learning opportunities.

The 2021 Conference Leadership Team, Dr. Janice Irvin, Dr. Julie Hopkins, Dr. Ann-Marie Gleason, Ms. DeeAnne Miree, Ms. Shelley Archuleta-Smith, and myself have worked closely with the TPA Executive Board to plan an exciting two days of learning and collaboration. Thanks to the Conference Leadership Team and the many local Principals working and serving behind the scenes to make this conference a true success. Like any event this complex, it takes a team effort to make possible such a robust selection of professional development options.

Enjoy your stay, learn a lot, and take away at least one strategy that will help you THRIVE in your leadership journey.

Sincerely,

Tara Loba

Tara Loba, Ed.D.
President, 2021-2022
Tennessee Principal Association

COVID RESISTANCE PROTOCOLS

The Sonesta Nashville Airport Hotel requires all hotel staff and guests to wear a mask while on the property. Hand sanitation stations are located outside the meeting rooms for conference attendees.

The Tennessee Principals Association Board of Directors is encouraging conference attendees and exhibitors to wear a mask. Attendees will be provided a mask and hand sanitizer will be available. Also, thermometers for temperature checks will be available at the Conference Registration Table, if needed.

Remember to social distance to avoid further spread of germs.

It is up to all of us to stop the spread . . . please do your part to ensure that every conference attendee has a wonderful learning experience! Thank you!

TPA Board of Directors
Attend as many sessions as possible! TPA secures National level speakers for YOU!

Spend time in the Exhibit Hall. The latest educational RESOURCES and PRODUCTS will be available for you to see. Be sure to THANK our VENDORS for their support! Monday is the only day for Exhibits – with dedicated Exhibit Hall time built into the schedule.

Be sure to participate in the Exhibit Hall Scavenger Hunt! Prizes Await!

DOOR PRIZES will be available throughout the conference! YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN! Prizes include: CASH $$$, gift cards, vendor gifts, and MORE!

Be sure to participate in the 5th Annual Silent Auction! Do a little holiday shopping early! Funds raised support TPA. Thank You!

NETWORK, NETWORK, NETWORK! Meet colleagues from across the state. Connections and relationships are a vital part of our organization!

Get INVOLVED! Would you like to…
- Become a Membership Ambassador?
- Do a breakout session at next year’s conference in Pigeon Forge?
- Publish an article in TN Principal Magazine?
- Serve on the TPA Board of Directors?

If you answer YES to any of these questions, please seek out a TPA Board Member and have a conversation. You matter!

Set aside money in your school budget next year to attend the 2022 annual Tennessee Principals Conference in Pigeon Forge.

Take time to laugh during the conference! It’s healthy!

HAVE FUN and LEARN A LOT!

Let us know if you need anything . . . this conference is for YOU!
Hamish Brewer

*Relentless*

Sometimes you have to hear the things you don’t want to hear in order to move forward, to be better and to get results.

Hamish will take you on a hard-hitting journey that will challenge you to rethink your practices, to disrupt the norm and change the game.

Find out if you have or are willing to go one more round, if you’re willing to advocate for every single person and child. Find out if you’re willing to take your school or organization to the next level.

Dr. Kevin Dyson

*Called to LEAD*

Dr. Kevin Dyson, a former number 16 pick of the 1998 NFL Draft by then the Tennessee Oilers (Titans), now serves as the Principal at Centennial High School, in Franklin, Tennessee.

With his name being synonymous with two of the most memorable plays in National Football League history, Kevin draws upon the experiences that helped him transition into school administration to motivate and inspire others.

Having transitioned from professional football to become a career educator, Kevin brings the unique perspective he has gained from his life experiences to empower others to unleash the untapped potential, as we are all *Called to LEAD*.

Matthew Portell

*In the Midst of Opportunity: A Paradigm Shift*

As we move through the continued impact of COVID globally, there stands an opportunity to use current science and the law of change to shift our paradigms on how we support students in schools.

It is time we look at supporting kids by fixing systems that have historically not understood the impacts of individual and collective trauma.

This learning opportunity will discuss one school’s journey into trauma-informed education and the success it has experienced. It is time that we connect our intent in education to our outcomes in our students’ school experiences.
Keynote Speakers

Beth Ziesenis

**Leading with Focus: Collaboration and Productivity Without a Billion Video Conferences**

Overnight the traditional workplace culture shifted when the pandemic forced our country’s workforces into work-from-home models.

Never-ending video conferences haven’t helped you and your colleagues become more efficient … they’re just wasting your time.

Join your Nerdy Best Friend, aka Beth Z, for proven techniques for focus and productivity. You’ll discover tech that blocks out distractions, increases productivity and keeps you on track.

Dr. Adrienne Battle

**Know Where You Are, But Don’t Stay There**

Dr. Adrienne Battle was named director of Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) in March, 2020 after serving 11 months as interim director. She led MNPS through its recovery from devastating tornadoes in the spring of 2020 and in its ongoing response to the COVID pandemic.

All the while, Dr. Battle’s focus has been to personalize education for every student, improve school culture and climate, and retain/recruit the best talent.

She sums up her drive for continuous improvement at all levels with the motto **“Know where you are, but don’t stay there.”**

“We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.”  - Maya Angelou
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GROWING True Capacity School-Wide (Room: Nashville Ballroom)
Presenter: Dr. Myke Collins, Executive Director of Equity and Diversity, Shelby County Schools, Memphis, TN
Description: As school leaders we are the chief learners in our buildings. This means we are always in the process of learning more. We also have the responsibility of growing and developing our faculty and staff. This can be a daunting task, because our teachers, counselors, instructional coaches, and administrative teams are diverse and have very different needs; but development is quite necessary for one’s school to grow and prosper.

Implementing the Pyramid Model to Address SEL and Discipline (Room: Jackson)
Presenter(s): DeeAnne Miree, Principal, Ashley Lofties, School Counselor, and Mendy Coe, Multi-Classroom Leader, Cambridge Early Learning Center, MNPS, Nashville, TN
Description: Join us as we provide an introduction to the Pyramid Model, and we will walk you through the framework upon which the model is based. We will highlight from each tier of the Pyramid Model and share resources that are proven to support young children’s social emotional competence and prevent challenging behavior. We will share some of our successes, tips, pitfalls, along with opportunities for growth as we discuss ways to turn your behavior frustrations into celebrations!

Culture Boosters: Small Actions that Lead to Big Results (Room: Chattanooga)
Presenter(s): Dr. Ashley Aldridge Wilson, Principal, Nolan Elementary School, Hamilton County Schools, Signal Mountain, TN; Dr. Justin Thomas, Principal, Nannie Berry Elementary, Sumner County Schools, Hendersonville, TN
Description: All school leaders want a 'strong culture’. We talk about building relationships as a core value. But as with most things in life, it’s easier said than done. Principals are overwhelmed with challenges. When it comes to school culture, they need simple strategies they can implement right away that will yield dramatic results. From shared leadership to student expectations to the incredible power of gratitude, this session will provide tools that principals can begin using right away to increase satisfaction, engagement, and ownership.

Technology Leadership (Room: Knoxville)
Presenter(s): Sandy Roach, Interactive Classroom Specialist and Former Principal; Sara Smith, Interactive Classroom Specialist
Description: We live in a world where accelerated change has become the norm. The challenges and opportunities schools face with this digital narrative are complex and full of possibilities. Districts and schools rely on the leadership to efficiently explore and harness the power of technology to maximize learning, improve teacher effectiveness, and reinvent school-wide systems. Join Central Technologies for a discussion on tools that support staff and students in the ways they learn, collaborate, and communicate in flexible and supportive environments.

Helping Educators Stay in the Job They Love (Room: Memphis)
Presenter(s): Annie Adams, Horace Mann Agency Consultant
Description: Attendees will learn about educational workshops to help staff better understand their Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) as well as student loan forgiveness programs. These no cost workshops can help your staff build financial literacy so they can make informed financial decisions and stay in the job they love. And may also help you attract, support and retain quality full-time educator.
**Description of Breakout Sessions**

**Lunch N Learn Descriptions: 12:00 - 12:30pm**

*Bring your box lunch into one of these informal sharing sessions and learn some more!*

**What it Takes to be a National Distinguished Principal (NDP)** *(Room: Knoxville)*

**Facilitators:** Shay Siler (2021 National Distinguished Principal) & Dr. Ashley Aldridge Wilson (2020 National Distinguished Principal) and other Tennessee NDPs attending this conference are invited to share

**Description:** NDPs attending this conference will have the opportunity to share their experience with colleagues about being a National Distinguished Principal! From being nominated, to completing the NDP Application Packet and being recognized in our Nation’s Capital – find out what this journey encompasses.

**Reaching Students, Empowering Teachers, Transforming Instruction through Professional Development** *(Room: Jackson)*

**Presenter:** Sarah Hibbett, Director, Bobbie Solley Center of Excellence in Teaching, Freed-Hardeman University

**Description:** Planning relevant, engaging professional learning opportunities for your faculty is hard work! Are you seeking support to provide relevant professional development presented by educators from across the state of Tennessee? The Bobbie Solley Center for Excellence in Teaching at Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, Tennessee strives to support districts and schools by developing teachers and school leaders committed to making a positive impact on the learning of all students. Utilizing the mantra, “Reaching Students, Empowering Teachers, Transforming Instruction”, the BSCET offers a variety of free professional learning activities. Join this session to learn more about how the Bobbie Solley Center for Excellence in Teaching can serve you and your teachers.

**Support, Empower, Connect - Roundtable Conversations** *(Room: Salons A-C)*

**Facilitator:** Dr. Brian Partin, Director, University School at ETSU

**Description:** Several tables will be set up for colleagues across the state to NETWORK, NETWORK, NETWORK! Table topics will help guide your professional conversations. Come meet Principals from across the state!

**GroupingPro - Creating Classes for the Next School Year!** *(Room: Chattanooga)*

**Presenters:** Jamie Cantrill & Michelle Harper

**Description:** Teachers and Administrators are in the driver’s seat! Are you still using grouping or placement cards? GroupingPro is here to help you put an end to the madness by minimizing the time and effort it takes teachers and administrators to place students in classes for the following year. Nobody knows your school better than you, so we give educators the autonomy to choose important criteria during the student placement process. GroupingPro allows teachers to quickly and easily document student information through an electronic process, with administrators having a final view of the distribution through graphs and charts. Once classes are just the way your school wants them, GroupingPro offers a quick printing option of informational rosters for the new school year. Let us help you save time and energy with the development of fast, easy, and equitable class rosters.
Description of Breakout Sessions

**Differentiated Professional Development** *(Room: Jackson)*

**Presenter:** Dr. Amy Downey, Chair, Department of Education at Freed-Hardeman University; former Principal in Metro Nashville Public Schools.

**Description:** Do you want a NO COST way to offer differentiated professional development to your teachers? How are you differentiating professional development in your school? Learn about an opportunity to maximize your time and increase the teacher’s knowledge on current strategies and trends in education.

**Innovative Instructional Leadership** *(Room: Chattanooga)*

**Presenter:** Tyler Salyer, Principal, and Austyn Scruggs, Instructional Technology Facilitator, Collierville Elementary School, Collierville, TN

**Description:** Do you want to learn how to build capacity in your teachers to innovate instruction through technology? This session will share the journey of how our school moved from technology integration to technology innovation. Specific strategies and resources will be shared that you can implement immediately. Come hear how Collierville Elementary School went from having no student devices to being recognized as an Apple Distinguished School.

**Engaging Classroom Experiences that Support Today’s Expanded Learning Environments** *(Room: Knoxville)*

**Presenter(s):** Kyle Yost

**Session Description:** Navigating today’s learning landscape requires access to versatile tools and trusted curriculum resources. In this session, we will explore programs and tools available through the ENA Partner Program, such as BrainPop and Zoom, that offer opportunities for Tennessee leaders to enhance their students’ learning experiences and support secure digital environments. Discover new programs such as BrainPOP’s Middle School Science and Coding that will elevate and support rich educational experiences for your students. Additionally, get an update about collaborative tools that engage students at home and in school, as well as connect learning environments with content experts.

**Leading with Brilliance: Transformative and Innovative Technology** *(Room: Nashville Ballroom)*

**Presenter(s):** Julie Harrison & Jenny Schnell, Promethean and Jamie LaRocca PCS

**Description:** Breakthroughs don’t come out of nowhere – they begin with you. Join Julie and Jenny to share collaborative ideas on how to create a space where brilliance in leadership can shine. We help you create a space with tools that help capture attention, spark ideas and inspire learning – solutions that reward both imagination and persistence.

**Actionable Data for Admins on the Move** *(Room: Memphis)*

**Presenter:** Dr. Holly Flora of Liberty Bell MS, Johnson City Schools

**Description:** Enjoy both lecture and discussion on moving forward with usable data. This session discusses how to design school goals through a train the teacher leader model. Leveraging IXL to increase proficiency in TN state standards across various student groups will be addressed.
Description of Breakout Sessions

Breakout Session Descriptions: 2:00 - 2:50pm

The Power of Listening to Facilitate School Turnaround (Room: Nashville Ballroom)

Presenter: Dr. Terrence D. Brittenum, Principal, A. Maceo Walker Middle School, Memphis, TN

Description: Although largely underestimated, effective listening can be a game changer in building a successful school environment, fostering a positive school culture, and ultimately turning around a failing school. During this session, you will be able to delineate the benefits of effective listening, understand how to utilize effective listening techniques to foster a positive school culture and climate, and understand how effective listening helps to facilitate a culture of trust, assisting with turning a failing school into a school of distinction.

Celebrating & Encouraging Your Staff (Room: Jackson)

Presenter(s): Shay Siler, Principal, Sequoyah Elementary School, Knoxville, TN; Kristi Woods, Principal, East Knox County Elementary School, Knoxville, TN; Shawnda Ernst, Principal, Ritta Elementary School, Knoxville, TN; Stephanie Prince, Principal, Adrian Burnett Elementary School, Knoxville, TN

Description: This session will focus on ideas to celebrate and encourage all members of your staff. The session leaders will share ways to create an encouraging and supportive environment by leveraging educator strengths and promoting ownership within the school. They will share ideas for recognition and celebration and make connections to the TEAM Administrator Rubric (B1, B2, B4, B5, C3).

Making the Most of Your Year with i-Ready (Room: Chattanooga)

Presenters: Jim Pinckley—Middle/East Tennessee Sales Rep, Sandra Cagle - West Tennessee Sales Rep Tennessee i-Ready Extraordinary Educators

Description: This signature event brings experts and practitioners together to recharge and inspire as "we" tackle unfinished learning together with i-Ready. We've acted on your feedback, so come join us to learn about the new reports/features/functions in i-Ready for the 2021-2022 school year. These new exciting tools and resources will help:

- Address unfinished learning
- Engage students in grade-level work
- Saving time when using your LMS
- Motivate all learners with supportive instruction
- Ongoing learning for teachers

Designing Safe, Challenging Playgrounds (Room: Knoxville)

Presenter: Michael Fingeroth

Description: Mike Fingeroth has been working in the Recreational Products industry since 2006. Currently the East Coast Regional Manager for Landscape Structures, Inc., Mike began at Pebble Flex, a safety surface manufacturer which was acquired by Landscape Structures, Inc. He is very knowledgeable about the equipment and surfacing requirements associated with those areas. Mike has provided market intelligence, identified key target markets, and taught countless CEUs that focus on compliance, maintenance, ADA updates, and general product info.

Who’s Minding the Gap? Preventing the Need for Intervention Services in Grade 3 and Beyond (Room: Memphis)

Presenter: Becky Faber

Description: Too many students are at risk of academic failure; and a common denominator for many students is an inability to read grade level text. Research conducted by neuroscientists in the area of reading has revealed factors that disrupt the process of learning to read and components that reduce the probability of reading failure. Learn the scientific evidence about early reading and the important of creating “neural pathways” in the brain, what to look for in beginning reading instruction, and what PreK – 2 educators must do to prevent students from needing reading intervention in grade 3.
Executive Board Members

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North Central, District 4  Ms. Janet Carroll
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Cumberland, District 6  Mr. Justin Whittenbarger
Southeast, District 7 Dr. Ashley Aldridge Wilson
East, District 8    Ms. Kristi Woods
Upper East, District 9 Dr. Janice Irvin

Special Board Appointments

Federal Relations  Dr. Brian Partin
State Relations    Ms. Heather Wolf
Retired Principals/  Dr. Amy Downey
Higher Education
NASHVILLE, TN – October 12, 2021 – **Dr. Brian K. Partin**, former President of the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP), has been selected to serve as Executive Director of the Tennessee Principals Association (TPA) beginning July 1, 2022. His appointment is announced by TPA President, Dr. Tara Loba.

A member of TPA and NAESP since 2006, Partin served as state president in 2009-2010 and national president in 2017-2018. Partin served on the NAESP Board of Directors from 2013-2018 and the TPA Board from 2006-present. He received the TPA Meritorious Service Award in 2013.

Partin began his educational career as a teacher in 1998. He has been a teacher, Assistant Principal and Principal in the Metropolitan Nashville Public School System. Partin served as a Principal in Kingsport City Schools from 2006-2019. He is now serving as the Director of the University School at East Tennessee State University.

“My membership and involvement in TPA has by far had the most significant impact on my professional career. The professional opportunities and network I have established during my career at all levels and capacity have directly been impacted by my involvement in this organization, so I will be forever grateful for the impact the organization has had on my life both professionally and personally.”

Partin received his bachelor’s degree from Anderson University, master’s degree from Tennessee State University, Ed.S. degree from Lincoln Memorial University and doctorate degree from Lipscomb University. Brian is married to Lauren and has two daughters, Sydney and Ella.

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Recognizing Leadership Across Tennessee
2020 - 2021 Award Recipients

**Award:**

- 2020 National Distinguished Principal
- 2021 National Distinguished Principal
- 2020 National Outstanding Assistant Principal
- 2021 National Outstanding Assistant Principal
- Ernest Bentley, Jr. Excellence in Leadership  
  *(Past President Recognition)*
- 2020 Robert Frazier Meritorious Service
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- Supervisor of the Year
- Longevity Award
- 2021-2021 Friend of Education
- NAESP Past President
- 2021 Conference Committee Recognition

**Recipient:**

- Dr. Ashley Aldridge Wilson
- Ms. Shay Siler
- Dr. Amy Via
- Dr. Jamelie Johns
- Ms. Shay Siler, 2020
- Dr. Julie Hopkins, 2021
- Dr. Patricia Griggs-Merriweather
- Dr. Tanisha Heaston, Mr. Antuan Knapp,  
  Ms. Sharon McNary
- Ms. Shelley Archuleta-Smith
- Dr. Adrienne Battle, Director - MNPS Schools
- Dr. Greg Patterson
- Mr. Frank Miller, Frank Miller Fundraising
- Dr. Kimbrelle Barbosa Lewis
- Dr. Tara Loba, Dr. Julie Hopkins, Ms. DeAnn Miree,  
  Dr. Ann-Marie Gleason, Ms. Shelley Archuleta-Smith, Dr. Janice Irvin

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**Special Announcement**

**TPA Membership Map and Directors**

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