



BEYOND THE BASICS

Leading during crisis while maintaining civility

Thursday, October 8, 2020

Virtual Workshop

9:00 - 9:05 a.m. **Greetings from the SCSBA Executive Director**
Scott T. Price, Executive Director, *SCSBA*

9:05 - 9:15 a.m. **Welcome and purpose**
Cheryl Burgess, SCSBA President-elect, *Lexington School District Three*

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. **Civility during a crisis**
As local leaders, modeling civil and collaborative behavior is always important, but especially amid a crisis. During this session, we will learn techniques to address conflict effectively when tensions are high and emotions are elevated. We will discuss ways to establish and build trust in your work as a board, ultimately creating a culture of communicating with civility and respect in your district.
Ron L. Harvey, VP Operations/COO at *Global Core Strategies Consulting*

10:15 - 10:30 a.m. **Break**
Co-sponsored by Boykin & Davis, LLC

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. **Leading with understanding**
We are amid an unprecedented public health crisis, yet we also have an extraordinary opportunity to come together within our families and our communities to reduce the stigma that often surrounds mental health. In order to lead and support one another, we must first understand another's experiences. This presentation will discuss the impact of COVID-19 on our emotional well-being, protecting against suicide, the importance of a trauma-informed response in connecting to others, and resources to help support coping.
Jennifer Butler, LISW-CP/S, *SC Department of Mental Health, Office of Suicide Prevention*

11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. **Lunch**

12:15 - 1:15 pm **Leading during crisis - Lessons from the trenches**
Join this panel of school board members from around the state as they discuss challenges and opportunities the COVID-19 pandemic has presented in their communities. Hear some of their best practices related to communicating with stakeholders, managing constant change, adapting policies and budgets, and working cooperatively with district administration.
James Shadd, Board Chair, *Richland School District Two*
Keith Liner, Board Chair, *Aiken County Public School District*
Kristy Spears, Board Chair, *Fort Mill Schools*

1:15 - 1:30 p.m. **Break**
Co-sponsored by Duff Freeman Lyon, L.L.C.

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. **Supporting students during a pandemic**
School district student services professionals will share their insights on how children in our state are faring emotionally and mentally during the current COVID-19 crisis. We will learn ways that district leaders can enhance mental health services for students in their communities and how school board members can support our students in the midst of a pandemic.

Dr. Patricia P. Beason, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, *Spartanburg School District One*
Dr. Allen Pope, District Lead School Psychologist, *Orangeburg County School District*
Gretchen Smith, LISW, Coordinator of Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services, *Horry County Schools*

2:30 p.m. **Workshop closing**
Cheryl Burgess, SCSBA President-elect, *Lexington School District Three*