

# AGENDA

Thursday, October 10, 2024

In today's data-driven world, the ability to understand education data is crucial for school board members and their communities. This workshop is designed to equip participants with tips and resources to help them understand data which improves decision-making. Participants will explore the various types of education data, including curriculum, finance and a range of state assessments.

**8:30 – 9 a.m. .... Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**9 – 9:15 a.m. .... Welcome and Purpose**  
**Michele Branning, SCSBA President, Fort Mill Schools**

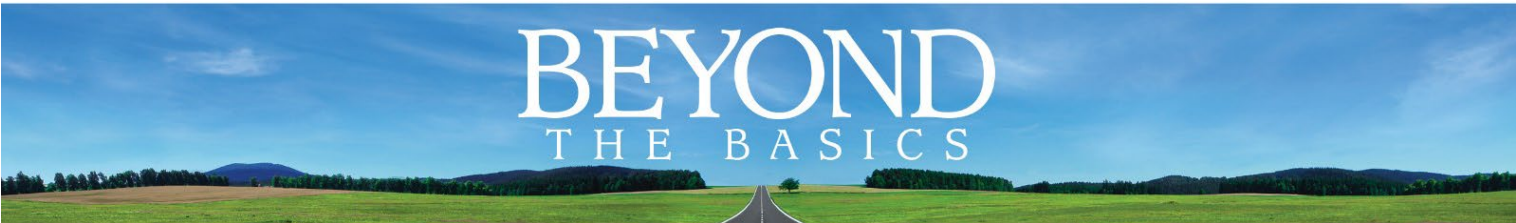
**9:15 – 10:30 a.m. .... Data Huddles and the Effective Use of Data at the School Level**  
Principals and District Staff are surrounded by data. Data needs to be used otherwise it is just another number in a sea of numbers. How can we be sure that we are using the data that we have responsibly and effectively? How can we avoid the trap of being data rich but information poor?  
**Lesley Corner, Director for Data Science/Predictive Analytics, Kershaw County School District**  
**Dan Matthews, Chief Academic Officer, Kershaw County School District**

**10:30 - 10:45 a.m. .... Beverage Break**

**10:45 a.m. – 12 p.m. .... Threading Through the Local Budget Process – Effective Approaches**  
This session will focus on a discussion of navigating the budget process under current funding constraints, including the new State Education Funding formula. Best practices to navigate a successful budget adoption will be shared, along with roadblocks to try and avoid.  
**Leanne Lordo, CPA, Associate Superintendent Finance & Operations/CFO, Fort Mill Schools**

**12 – 12:45 p.m. .... Lunch (included in registration)**

**12:45 – 2 p.m. .... Data in Action: What School Boards Should Ask to Ensure Student Success**  
This presentation will equip school board members with the critical questions needed to analyze and interpret data related to student achievement effectively. By understanding which key metrics to focus on and how to ask the right questions, board members can make informed decisions that drive positive outcomes and ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed.  
**Dr. Kristi Austin, PhD, Director, Office of Assessment and Standards, S.C. Department of Education**  
**Matthew Ferguson, EdD, Esq., Deputy Superintendent & Chief Academic Officer, S.C. Department of Education**



**2 - 2:15 p.m. .... Beverage Break**

**2:15 - 3:30 p.m. .... Data Dashboard**

Understanding and analyzing your school district’s data is as important as ever, especially for school boards. That is why the Education Oversight Committee (EOC) has created several interactive dashboards to easily visualize and navigate complex data. In this interactive session, school board members will learn from these dashboards what questions need to be asked to continue towards improvement.

**Gabrielle Fulton, *Data Visualization Specialist, S.C. Education Oversight Committee***

**3:30 p.m. .... Conference Closing**

**Michele Branning, *SCSBA President, Fort Mill Schools***