



GREATER CLEVELAND SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS' ASSOCIATION

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

AUGUST-DECEMBER, 2025

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2025

NEW SUPERINTENDENT LUNCHEON

Join us to kick off the 2025-26 school year with our annual New Superintendent Luncheon.



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

STEVEN TOOLE

Executive Director of STRS will be joining us for an update on STRS. Please bring your questions.



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

JEREMY VARNER

Deputy Director of Career-Technical Education and Workforce, Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.

ALL events FREE for Members!



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

FAIZA M. JAMIL JAVAID E. SIDDIQI

Engaging session on the challenges and opportunities facing public education today.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025

MARK PERNA

Generational Expert. Keynote Speaker. Bestselling Author.



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025

JOE SPICCIA

Superintendent, Wickliffe City Schools. This session will explore the development and benefits of school-based health centers.

Registration required for all events!

To register, visit gcssaohio.org or e-mail Teri Hedrick at thedrick@osconline.org.



GCSSA 2025-26

CALENDAR of EVENTS: AUG-DEC

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AUG. **New Superintendent Luncheon**
 Superintendent Panelists:
 -**Andreas Johansson**, Newton Falls Schools
 -**Ben Ribelin**, Ravenna Schools
 -**Anthony Stretar**, Black River Schools
 -**Matthew Young**, Cuyahoga Heights Schools
Wednesday, August 13, 2025; 11:30 am
NEW Location: Creekside Restaurant
 (8803 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville)
Sponsor: Ennis Britton Co., LPA



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SEPT. **GCSSA In-Service Session:**
“Update on STRS”
In Partnership with the Summit County ESC.
Tuesday, September 2, 2025;
Registration/Light Breakfast: 9 am
Program: 9:30 am
 Presented by Steven Toole,
 Executive Director of STRS.
NEW Location: Summit County ESC
 (420 Washington Ave, Cuyahoga Falls)



GCSSA In-Service Session:
**“Strengthening Career Development
 for the Northeast Ohio Workforce”**
**In Partnership with the Educational
 Service Center of Northeast Ohio.**
Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025
Registration: 9 am
Program: 9:30 am
 Presented by Jeremy Varner,
 Deputy Director of Career-Technical
 Education and Workforce,
 Ohio Department of Education
 and Workforce.
Location: ESC of Northeast Ohio



SEPT. **GCSSA In-Service Session:**
**“Public Education in
 Turbulent Times”**
**In Partnership with
 Cleveland State University.**
Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025
Program: 1-2:30 pm
Museum Visit: 2:30-4 pm
Planetarium Show: 4 pm
 Presented by Faiza M. Jamil,
 Associate Professor of Education and
 Human Development in the College of
 Education, Clemson University and
 Javid E. Siddiqi, former Virginia Secretary
 of Education and President and CEO of
 The Hunt Institute, USA.
NEW LOCATION: Cleveland Museum of
 Natural History
 (1 Wade Oval Dr, Cleveland)



OCT. **GCSSA In-Service Session:**
“Know Your Why”
**In Partnership with the Educational
 Service Center of Northeast Ohio.**
Friday, Oct. 3 2025
Registration/Light Breakfast: 9 am
Program: 9:30 am
 Presented by Mark Perna, generational
 expert, keynote speaker and
 bestselling author.
Location: ESC of Northeast Ohio



NOV. **OSC ASSEMBLY MEETING**
Thursday, Nov. 20 2025; 11:15 am
Location: ESC of Northeast Ohio or
 Virtual



DEC. **GCSSA In-Service Session:**
“School Based Health Centers”
**In Partnership with the Educational
 Service Center of Northeast Ohio.**
Tuesday, Dec. 2 2025
Registration/Light Breakfast: 9 am
Program: 9:30 am
 Presented by Joe Spiccia
 Superintendent of Wickliffe City Schools
Location: ESC of Northeast Ohio



GCSSA 2025-26

CALENDAR of EVENTS: JAN-JUNE

JANUARY-JUNE

JAN.

GCSSA In-Service Session:
“Deep Learning: Engage the World
Change the World”
In Partnership with
Cleveland State University.

Location: Virtual Only
Thursday, January 22, 2026
Program: 9:30 am

Presented by Joanne Quinn, co-author of
“Deep Learning: Engage the World Change
the World” with Michael Fullan and
Joanne McEachen.



MAY

GCSSA In-Service Session:
“It’s All About Relationships:
The Power of Many”

Tuesday, May 12, 2026
Registration/Light Breakfast: 9 am
Program: 9:30 am

In Partnership with the Educational
Service Center of Northeast Ohio.

Presented by Dr. Stephen Sroka,
internationally recognized speaker, trainer,
author, teacher and educational
consultant. This presentation will focus on
supporting student and staff mental health
through the power of relationships.

Location: ESC of Northeast Ohio



MAR.

GCSSA In-Service Session:
“Skills-Based Approach to
Occupational Mobility and
What Educators and Business
Leaders Need to Know”
In Partnership with the Educational
Service Center of Northeast Ohio.

Tuesday, March 10, 2026
Registration/Light Breakfast: 9 am
Program: 9:30 am

Presented by Kyle D. Fee, policy advisor in
the Community Development Department
of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.
Location: ESC of Northeast Ohio



JUNE

GCSSA In-Service Session:
“Year End Luncheon & Legislative
Update”

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Presented by Dr. David Axner, Executive
Director of BASA and Paul Imhoff,
Director of Governmental Relations
at BASA.

Registration/Social: 11:30-Noon
Program/Luncheon: Noon-1:30 pm
Location: LockKeepers
(8001 Rockside Rd, Independence)

Sponsor: Grady Benefits

OSC ASSEMBLY MEETING
11 am



APRIL

GCSSA In-Service Session:
“Spring Legal Update”

Thursday, April 16, 2026
Program: 9:30 am

Annual Legal Update presented by
Robert McBride from Ennis Britton.
Location: ESC of Northeast Ohio & Virtual
Sponsor: Ennis Britton Co., LPA



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Dennis Honkala at
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GCSSA In-Service Session:
“Program TBA”
In Partnership with the
Martha Holden Jennings Foundation.
Date/Location TBA





PROGRAMS & EVENTS

JANUARY-JUNE, 2026



THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026

JOANNE QUINN

International consultant and author on system change, leadership, and learning.



TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

KYLE D. FEE

Policy advisor in the Community Development Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.



THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026

SPRING LEGAL UPDATE

Annual Legal Update presented by Robert McBride from Ennis Britton.



APRIL 2026 (DATE TBD)

PARTNER EVENT

Spring event in Partnership with the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation.



TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026

DR. STEPHEN SROKA

Internationally recognized speaker, trainer, author, teacher, and educational consultant.



THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026

YEAR END LUNCHEON & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Annual legislative update in partnership with BASA.

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