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Administrators & Leadership Staff	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	LEA Administrators- Your Data in the Public Eye	Review the importance of accurate data from the perspective of it being highly publicized and serves as a representation of your LEA
Administrators & Leadership Staff	Beginner	Workshop	Empowering Students Through Data Conversations	This session explores how intentional, structured data conversations can transform student ownership, motivation, and academic growth. Participants will learn a clear model for implementing 1:1 data conferences, supported by research on the impact of student goal-setting and progress monitoring. The session includes video examples that demonstrate effective conferencing practices, highlight the power of student voice, and illustrate how these conversations build agency and accountability. Attendees will leave with practical tools, templates, and strategies they can immediately implement to strengthen data culture and support meaningful student growth.
Administrators & Leadership Staff	Beginner	Workshop	Making Sense of PSSA and Keystone Exam Score Reports and Data Files	Have you wondered how a student earned 1499 on the Algebra I Keystone Exam or how to interpret the crosswalk document sent with PSSA scores in June? In this session, you will use the PSSA and Keystone Exam Technical Reports to convert raw to scaled scores, understand cut scores for the four proficiency levels, and interpret the crosswalk document.
Administrators & Leadership Staff	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	The Analyst Advantage: Turning Data into Insight, Action, and Improvement	School leaders and teams often find that their data meetings only get to a topical, surface-level review of charts, tables, and spreadsheets. These conversations describe what the data shows but rarely progress to the deeper analytical thinking needed to understand why patterns are emerging or what actions should follow. This session is designed to help leaders break that cycle by building awareness, will, and skill to move from operational data routines focused on the "what" to analytical conversations anchored in "so what?" and "now what?". Rather than a technical session on dashboards or data tools, this experience shows leaders how to build a culture where data is not only displayed but actively interpreted, understood, and used to drive change. Participants will see how analytical meetings shift mindsets, strengthen coherence, and accelerate progress toward goals. This session is designed for leaders who want to: Understand how to strengthen analytical muscles within teams Increase the efficiency, focus, and outcomes of data meetings Make continuous improvement cycles more meaningful and actionable The result: teams that spend less time reviewing data and more time understanding the effects of their systems and structures and knowing how to improve them.

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Administrators & Leadership Staff	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	Educational Access for All: An Introduction to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act	The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act is the critical federal law designed to ensure that all children and youth experiencing homelessness have equal access to a free, appropriate public education. This introductory presentation provides a foundational understanding of the Act's core principles, key provisions, and your role in compliance. We will clarify the federal definition of "homeless children and youth" (including those sharing housing due to economic hardship, living in motels, or in shelters) and detail the fundamental rights guaranteed to eligible students.
Administrators & Leadership Staff	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	"Trails & Rails" - Orienteering HS Graduation	Explore Pennsylvania's pathways to graduation and other diploma options for high school students, navigating academic mileposts and college- and career-ready checkpoints; then, traverse the Commonwealth's free online tool for tracking student progress toward their destination!
Administrators & Leadership Staff	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	Let Firefly Light Up Your Decision-Making Process	Explore the specifics of the newest addition to PDE's suite of assessments, the Firefly benchmark. Discover how Firefly connects to and complements the use of the Classroom Diagnostic Tools (CDTs) through guiding questions, usage models, and scenarios. Dive deeper into the Firefly by exploring and discussing the latest reports released this year, which help monitor learning and inform instruction to best meet the needs of students. Ask questions of the CDT-Firefly Core Team for Professional Learning and PDE representatives.
Administrators & Leadership Staff	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	Assemble Your Act 13 Toolkit: Powering Growth, Practice, and Impact	This session is your origin story for mastering the Educator Effectiveness system: the who, what, when, where, why, and how that helps teachers and leaders grow stronger and make a real impact on student success. Discover how to turn evaluation data into action using tools like PVAAS and PEERS to simplify your super tasks — from roster verification to end-of-year summaries. Leave with timelines, tools, and strategies to make your evaluation process faster, smoother, and more powerful. Because when educators grow, students soar — and every hero deserves the right data to save the day!

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Administrators & Leadership Staff	Beginner	Question and Answer	Data Heroes in Motion: A Roundtable Quest with PVAAS Tools & Insights	Suit up and get ready to activate your data superpowers! In this high-energy roundtable expedition, you'll move, connect, and collaborate as you rotate every 10–15 minutes through focused "hero stations." Each station features a core power to strengthen your PVAAS practice—from spotting statewide growth heroes and unlocking student-level insights to discovering how PIMS collections power up your reports. Leave the session armed with actionable strategies, new perspectives, and a reinforced data hero toolkit to drive impactful, data-informed decisions across your LEA.
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Administrators & Leadership Staff	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	PDE Data League – Part 2: Unpacking Super Tools for Impact	It's time to continue your quest in unleashing your data superpowers! Across Pennsylvania, educators have access to a league of powerful, no-cost PDE tools designed to fuel continuous improvement and accelerate student success. But even heroes need to know which tool to wield, when, and why! Join mission part 2 of this interactive series to master the SAS Portal, Evidence Resource Center, Classroom Diagnostic Tools (CDT), and the new Firefly Benchmark. This will conclude the full mission as we uncover the seven essential PDE data tools and reveal how they unite to form a powerful system for school improvement. Leave the session with your own data utility belt—filled with insight, guiding questions, and practical ways to drive impact in your school or LEA. Bring your favorite device and prepare to power up your practice!

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Administrators & Leadership Staff	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	From Selection to Success: Using NIRN's Hexagon Tool To Choose the Right Evidence-Based Practice	Selecting an evidence-based practice that fits a school's unique context is critical to improving student outcomes. This session introduces participants to NIRN's Hexagon Tool, a practical framework for assessing the need, fit, evidence, capacity, readiness, and resources of potential interventions. Attendees will engage in applied examples and collaborative discussions to learn how to use the tool to make data-informed, sustainable decisions that lead to more effective implementation and enhanced student achievement.
Administrators & Leadership Staff	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	AI 101 to Student Empowerment: Our Journey Toward an AI-Literate School Community	Artificial Intelligence is reshaping how educators teach, learn, and make decisions, but meaningful implementation begins with literacy, not technology. In this session, the School District of Haverford Township shares its journey from having no formal AI framework to building a thoughtful, districtwide approach to responsible AI use. Attendees will see how the district introduced "AI 101" professional learning for all staff, established clear guardrails and expectations, and created student-centered lessons that build understanding of what AI is, how it works, and how to engage with it ethically. The presentation highlights the progression from foundational staff training to student empowerment, showing how data ethics, digital citizenship, and instructional purpose guided each step. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of how a district can build AI literacy at scale while maintaining a strong focus on safety, privacy, and instructional impact.

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Administrators & Leadership Staff	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	From Numbers to Next Steps: Practical MTSS Strategies for Middle School Success	Ready to strengthen your school's MTSS framework and elevate student success? This session equips current and aspiring middle school teachers and leaders with the practical tools, structures, and mindsets needed to confidently lead MTSS implementation. Join us for an interactive, step-by-step walkthrough of what effective MTSS looks like in action at the middle school level. Together, we will unpack the essential elements of the MTSS framework and explore how each one connects to high-impact RtII practices. Participants will learn how to organize and analyze data in ways that drive precise, targeted support. We will examine assessments, data-driven decision making, sample meeting agendas, various resources, and ways to involve students as active partners in their own growth. Whether your team is building MTSS systems from the ground up or strengthening structures already in place, this session will leave you with actionable ideas, increased clarity, and the confidence to lead meaningful change in your middle school that empowers both teachers and students.
Administrators & Leadership Staff	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	The Threats Being Faced by Education Institutions in Pennsylvania in 2026.	The presentation will cover Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTP)'s being leveraged against Education Institutions in Pennsylvania today, and how PA CyberCom is working with partners to provide actionable intelligence to help defend against cyber attacks.
Administrators & Leadership Staff	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	The Hero's Outcome: Impact of Comprehensive School Counseling Programs by the Numbers	School counselors operate within a landscape of growing complexity; supporting academic progress, guiding postsecondary pathways, and advancing students' social–emotional growth. Effectiveness in this multifaceted role requires intentional use of data, strategic program design, and unwavering advocacy for equitable student outcomes. This session examines how data informs purposeful goal setting and strengthens program effectiveness. Participants will engage with diverse data sources and consider strategies for translating evidence into targeted interventions across academic, career, and social-emotional domains. Practitioners will share examples demonstrating how data types inform counseling practices and drive achievement results. Attendees will also explore tools for reporting outcomes, alongside approaches to elevating program advocacy within their school communities.
Administrators & Leadership Staff	Intermediate	Workshop	Warning: May Cause Spontaneous Data Understanding (The Pivot Table Workshop)	Do you suffer from giant spreadsheets of data and feel unsure what to do next? You are not alone! In this hands-on workshop you will take your data (or a state-wide, public dataset) and learn how to make sense of it with pivot tables. The pivot table function allows you to summarize, reorganize, and analyze a large, detailed dataset to help you see patterns, comparisons, and trends quickly. Bring your laptop with MS Excel or Google Sheets, your data, and your questions--it's time to get your data on!

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Administrators & Leadership Staff	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	The Hero's Code: Using Data to Establish the School Counseling Program Agenda	The role of the school counselor is more intricate than ever, encompassing academic support, career planning, and social-emotional development. Success in this complex landscape demands a foundation of data-informed decision-making, strategic program delivery, and fierce advocacy for equity. This session focuses on the essential components of an effective school counseling program by exploring the "what" and "how" of impactful practice. Learn to establish a robust foundation for your program by mastering needs assessment. Discover techniques for collecting and analyzing relevant school and student data to identify systemic barriers and targeted student needs, ensuring your efforts are focused where they matter most. Explore and utilize practical program tools and effective delivery techniques. This session will highlight the essential tools to move beyond reactive service and become proactive leaders dedicated to creating equitable, data-driven, and highly effective school counseling programs.
Administrators & Leadership Staff	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	What Does it All Mean? Turning Data Statements into Data Insights Through Targeted Questions	Data analysis is the process by which humans make meaning out of data that matters. With so much data available to schools, data analysis can become overwhelming. Data courses and protocols can help users to understand their data, but they often stop short of making meaning for our specific contexts. In this session, participants will learn to practice transforming data statements into actionable insights using real data, with the opportunity for meaningful feedback from the presenters.
Administrators & Leadership Staff	Intermediate	Workshop	From Plan to Progress: Mastering School-Level Monitoring Routines	Consistent school-level monitoring routines are transforming continuous improvement work across Pennsylvania—and the results speak for themselves. A growing number of schools have exited CSI status thanks to intentional routines that keep teams focused on implementation, impact, and shared accountability. In this session, participants will learn what it takes to plan and facilitate effective routines, then engage in a live practice experience to see the process in action. Leave ready to bring these routines to life.

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Administrators & Leadership Staff	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	The Justice League of Data: Using Mental Health Metrics to Support Safe, Connected Schools	In today's schools, every student deserves to feel safe, seen, and connected—but identifying who needs support and when can feel like a mission fit for superheroes. The Justice League of Data brings together educators, counselors, administrators, and student services teams to discover how mental health metrics can become powerful tools for proactive support. This session will explore how to harness multiple data sources—behavioral trends, attendance patterns, engagement indicators, and student voice measures—to assemble a holistic picture of student well-being. Participants will learn how to recognize early warning signs, build collaborative intervention teams, and design systems that strengthen belonging and psychological safety. Through case examples, practical tools, and ready-to-use strategies, attendees will leave empowered to activate their own "superpowers" and form a united front within their schools. Join us to learn how the Justice League of Data can help you champion wellness, remove barriers, and create supportive school environments where every student thrives.
Administrators & Leadership Staff	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	Implementing Online Testing Statewide	Representatives from PDE and DRC will walk districts through the steps for implementing online PSSA and Keystone testing, including technology preparation, test set up, student preparation, technology enhanced items, embedded accommodations, and the Firefly benchmark.
Administrators & Leadership Staff	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	McKinney Vento Law: Application in Pennsylvania	Presenters will offer information concerning McKinney Vento law, students experiencing homelessness, budgetary effects on Commonwealth school districts, societal impacts.
Administrators & Leadership Staff	Intermediate	Question and Answer	Data Heroes Showdown: The Ultimate PDE Quiz Challenge	Think you have what it takes to be a data hero? Join us for a fast-paced, quiz-show-style session where teams compete to test their knowledge of PDE's data systems — from FRCPP to PIMS to PVAAS and beyond. Participants will tackle questions, scenarios, and lightning-round challenges designed to spark learning, collaboration, and laughter. Each round highlights how data connects across Pennsylvania's systems and how those connections support educators, leaders, and — most importantly — students. Whether you're a seasoned admin or new to PDE data, you'll leave energized with new insights, refreshed understanding, and maybe a few superhero bragging rights. Come ready to play, learn, and prove that when it comes to turning data into action, you're the hero every student needs!

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Administrators & Leadership Staff	Intermediate	Question and Answer	PVAAS + PIMS Power-Up: Unlock the Power of Local Data Sharing Agreements	For years, LEAs have worked hard to submit local assessment data to PIMS for inclusion in PVAAS, connecting those results to statewide student records and growth measures. Now, with new data sharing agreements with local assessment vendors, the data lift is shifting from districts to vendors. This partnership is a game-changer: vendors securely transfer data to PDE PIMS, saving LEAs valuable time and ensuring their assessments are represented within the statewide PVAAS system. The result is a seamless, sustainable way to connect local and state data so each student's assessment story follows them across schools, districts, and years. Join the PVAAS team to learn how these partnerships empower educators, leaders, and vendors to focus less on logistics and more on student growth — and how your LEA can join the league to unlock the full power of connected data across Pennsylvania.
Administrators & Leadership Staff	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	Building & Using Dashboards To Drive Continuous Improvement	Meaningful school improvement relies on actively monitoring student progress to iterate and adjust practices in real time. Clear and purposeful dashboards enable this work, but developing them requires close collaboration among data, technology, and school leaders. This session walks participants through each step of this process: how dashboards support school improvement, how to design them effectively and collaboratively, and how school leaders can use them to support daily decision-making.
Administrators & Leadership Staff	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	The Mission is Student Progress—Deploying PVAAS Teacher-Student Linkages to Supercharge Instruction	Answer the call to data-driven heroism! In this mission, you'll discover how to deploy PVAAS Teacher-Student Linkage data to connect instructional strategies with measurable student progress across state and local assessments. Explore how this powerful data can illuminate learning patterns, reveal instructional strengths, and guide intentional next steps for every learner. Equip yourself with tools to identify learning needs, design targeted supports, and plan for effective differentiation that maximizes student progress. Along the way, you'll uncover practical strategies to engage your team in data conversations that lead to action. Leave ready to lead your instructional squad like a true data commander—turning insight into unstoppable progress for every student!
Administrators & Leadership Staff	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	PVAAS User Forum: Powering Up for the Future	Calling all data-informed champions! Join us in this session where the PVAAS Statewide Team for PDE will unite with Dr. John White, Vice President, SAS EVAAS, to explore the next chapter in the PVAAS road map for Pennsylvania. Discover exciting new features in development—tools designed to strengthen your superpowers in data analysis and student growth reporting. Together, we'll dive into interactive feedback sessions, giving you the chance to help shape the future of PVAAS. Share your insights and soar to new heights in data-informed decision-making!

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Administrators & Leadership Staff	Advanced	Standard Oral Presentation	Every Student Needs a Cyber Hero: Implementing AI & Security Best Practices	In today's increasingly digital classrooms, data drives every decision — from curriculum design to student support. But with great data comes great responsibility. This session explores how Pennsylvania schools can turn data into action while safeguarding students, staff, and sensitive information. Attendees will learn practical, actionable strategies for implementing cybersecurity and AI best practices at the district, school, and classroom level, grounded in real-world examples and compliance standards. Using PennCyber's Cyber Champions framework, this session will demonstrate how schools can: - Protect student data and privacy while leveraging AI tools for learning and administration. - Build a culture of cybersecurity awareness among educators, staff, and administrators. - Transform data insights into proactive measures that enhance student safety and educational outcomes. - Align cybersecurity and data practices with PDE's vision of informed, data-driven decision-making for every student. This session is designed for school leaders, technology staff, and educators seeking to make data actionable, secure, and student-centered — because every student deserves a hero in the digital world.
Administrators & Leadership Staff	Advanced	Standard Oral Presentation	Utilizing Data to Better Understand Shifting Dynamics in PA's Educator Workforce	Local education agencies (LEAs) across the nation are experiencing a shortage in the educator workforce. Unfortunately, Pennsylvania is also facing educator workforce challenges, with the number of educators leaving the workforce continuing to increase and the rate of new educators entering the profession continuing to decrease. PDE is actively making efforts to quell teacher attrition, as well as recruit new teachers into the classroom. To support these efforts the PDE Research Team has investigated patterns in educator preparation program enrollment, as well as teacher retention trends across the Commonwealth. Findings from several educator workforce studies will be presented including trends in enrollment and completion of teacher preparation programs, with an intentional focus on the enrollment patterns of teacher candidates of color. Teacher retention, particularly focused on recent hires and retention in major subject areas, will also be a focus of this presentation. The implications of the findings, particularly how the data can be used to develop strategies around new teacher recruitment and educator retention will be discussed by the presenters and attendees.

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Administrators & Leadership Staff	Advanced	Standard Oral Presentation	A Proven Career and Technical Education Data Analysis Process for Continuous Improvement	Pennsylvania Approved Career and Technical Education programs use either the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) or the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) for end-of-technical-program assessments to determine whether a student is job-ready for entry into their technical career area of study. These end-of-technical-program assessments include both a hands-on portion evaluated by local employers and a written portion that may consist of up to 200 questions. Learn how two Regional Technical Schools teamed up with MAX Teaching to implement a proven data analysis process to improve Technical Program competency attainment and increase NOCTI/NIMS technical achievement. This session will model methods to analyze standardized test data to provide laser focus on strengths and challenges within curriculum and instruction for technical program improvement.
Administrators & Leadership Staff	Advanced	Workshop	Meaningful Data Meetings: A Smarter System for Understanding Progress	This session introduces school and district leaders to a coordinated system of monitoring routines that streamlines improvement work, reduces redundancy, and increases the productivity of their teams. Building on the data meetings already occurring, the session demonstrates how biweekly, monthly, and quarterly routines organize those conversations into a predictable, efficient structure that protects time and ensures each meeting has a clear purpose. Participants will examine how defined roles such as leader, facilitator, analyst, and accountable owners keep discussions focused, prevent drift, and help teams move quickly from reviewing data to making timely, high-impact decisions. Examples from school and LEA monitoring routines illustrate how intentional checkpoints surface barriers earlier, eliminate repetitive "status updates," and align support across levels so time can be spent understanding challenges and making appropriate adjustments. Rather than adding more meetings, this system transforms existing data discussions into a coherent set of routines that accelerates progress, strengthens implementation, and ensures every minute invested contributes meaningfully to improved student outcomes.
Administrators & Leadership Staff	Advanced	Standard Oral Presentation	Introducing the Act 1 of 2022 Graduation Plan Toolkit: A Framework for Timely Graduation	Navigating graduation requirements for students experiencing school instability can be complex, but Pennsylvania's Act 1 and a well-designed Graduation Plan offer clear pathways to academic success. This session introduces participants to the new Act 1 Graduation Plan Toolkit, a practical resource designed to help school entities develop Graduation Plans for eligible students. The toolkit includes guidance on key components to include in the plan, strategies to streamline credit assessment, guidance to support decision-making, and a tool to empower students in the development of their own plan. Participants will explore the toolkit's key features and functions, including its grade-level Graduation Plan template.

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Administrators & Leadership Staff	Advanced	Standard Oral Presentation	Using Scaled Scores and Effect Sizes as More Sensitive Measures of Success in School Improvement	This professional learning session introduces participants to a more sensitive way of thinking about success in school improvement by using scaled scores and effect sizes alongside proficiency rates. Participants will examine how multi-year scaled-score trends reveal grade-level performance patterns that reflect the impact of instruction, interventions, and schoolwide practices. Using real examples from Pennsylvania data, the session shows how meaningful improvement can occur even when proficiency remains static and how effect sizes help quantify the magnitude of system-level impact. Leaders will analyze scenarios where these more sensitive measures shift the conversation about progress and improvement, offering insight that proficiency alone cannot provide. By the end of the session, participants will have a reframed perspective on what success looks like, allowing them to recognize, interpret, and communicate a more nuanced story of school performance.
Administrators & Leadership Staff	Advanced	Workshop	From Attendance to Agency: Building Youth-Centered Data Systems in Out-of-School-Time Programs	In this interactive session, participants will explore how out-of-school-time (OST) programs can use data to truly support young people - not monitor, track, or discipline them. Drawing from DREAM - Philly's youth development model, this session highlights strategies for collecting, analyzing, and sharing data that respect youth autonomy and elevate their voices. Participants will examine real examples of how DREAM engages youth in creating feedback tools, shaping program design, and participating in their own narrative-building. Through hands-on activities, attendees will design a sample youth-centered survey or data protocol and consider how to bring participatory evaluation practices into their own work. This session pushes beyond traditional compliance reporting and introduces liberatory, equity-centered approaches to youth data.
Administrators & Leadership Staff	Advanced	Standard Oral Presentation	Data as Your Superpower: Leading a Lion Pride of Learners	What if your superpower was the ability to anchor instruction in data and use it to unite your pride through stronger relationships? In this lively session, we'll share how State Area College's Grade 9 team turned MAP Growth ELA data into a building-wide anchor that stabilizes instruction, ignites collaboration across the pride, and deepens the relationships that drive learning forward. Rooted in the belief that we must meet learners where they are, our educators use data not as a task, but as a compass. You'll see how cross-disciplinary teams from ELA to science use shared data to align instruction, support transitions, and reinforce the building's PBIS theme: Represent SC, Yourself, and Our Community. By working together like a connected, supportive lion pride, our teachers have made relationships not just results the foundation of every instructional decision. You'll leave with strategies to help high school educators: * Turn data into your instructional superpower by identifying student needs and using targeted strategies that meet learners where they are. * Collaborate across disciplines with purpose by analyzing lessons together using students' Lexile levels and other key data to adjust instruction, scaffold skills, and ensure consistent support across content areas. * Elevate PLCs and relationships with Lion-level leadership, fostering a culture of courage, curiosity, and collective strength where data-driven feedback drives instruction and deepens student connections.

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Administrators & Leadership Staff	Advanced	Standard Oral Presentation	Navigating EdNA and EdNAv2 to Maintain Accurate Information	The EdNA presentation will walk a user through the EdNA process from start to finish and will cover such topics as Maintaining Data in EdNA, annual School Reconfiguration Changes, the process to open or close a building, replace listed staff in EdNA, and much more.
Administrators & Leadership Staff	Advanced	Panel Discussion	Trends in Residency Verification	Districts across Pennsylvania have been asking for more opportunities to collaborate and share what's working in residency verification. This panel brings those conversations together — a chance to talk openly about effective practices, lessons learned, and how schools are building fair, consistent, and organized verification processes. Panelists from across the state will share how they balance responsibilities, maintain momentum, and strengthen community trust through clear, repeatable practices. Some districts on the panel work with Thomson Reuters CLEAR to automate parts of their residency workflows, but the real success lies in their planning and consistency — setting unified standards that drive fairness and safety. These workshops were created to make space for peer-to-peer learning across districts. In the words of one participant: "Borrow what works from others and make it your own." Whether your district is just getting started or refining an existing program, you'll leave with practical ideas you can adapt locally.
Administrators & Leadership Staff	Advanced	Standard Oral Presentation	Attendance as an Academic Driver: What Pennsylvania's Data Reveal	This informative session draws on statewide data to provide real-time evidence of the connections between attendance and academic performance in Pennsylvania. Members of the Statewide Team for Continuous Improvement, along with the Director of PDE's Office for School Climate and Well-Being, will share insights from a first look at statewide findings that reveal emerging post-pandemic attendance and achievement trends across Pennsylvania. Together, we'll examine: What are the statewide attendance trends since 2019: are schools declining, maintaining, or recovering? Which grade levels experience the greatest impact from absenteeism? What is the critical attendance threshold that separates positive from negative academic growth? How do virtual and non-virtual settings differ when it comes to attendance and achievement? Walk away with fresh insights, practical implications, and evidence you can use to guide conversations with staff, students, and families about why showing up matters now more than ever.
Beyond the Classroom Support	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	Placeholder Title: Mission in Progress — Hamish Brewer Breakout	Get ready for an electrifying breakout session from the one and only Hamish Brewer — a true superhero of school culture and leadership. While the full mission details are still under wraps, you can expect bold ideas, unstoppable energy, and powerful inspiration that will challenge you to lead with courage and heart

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Beyond the Classroom Support	Beginner	Panel Discussion	Home Schooler Invasion, Exodus, or Explorers Description	PDE Home school guy will lead a panel discussion with District leaders on the changing demands on districts as home schooling in its many forms becomes more prevalent in PA. We'll look at National, State and local data trends as well as the impact of home school students participating in classes and programs in the districts, the reasons why parents decide to home school a student, and then some of the challenges in tracking home school programs. Panelists will share some of the best practices and strategies in dealing with home school families.
Beyond the Classroom Support	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	Advancing School Climate Understanding Through Data, Reporting, and Research-Practice Partnerships	This presentation will provide a comprehensive update on statewide school climate initiatives, with a specific focus on data reporting, research-practice collaboration, and new tools available to support school-level decision-making. The session is designed to strengthen the capacity of school data personnel to interpret, communicate, and act on school climate findings to support student and staff well-being. Presentation Components: 1. Overview, Highlights, and Reporting within the Office of School Climate and Well-Being This segment will introduce the mission and priorities of the Office of School Climate and Well-Being. Presenters will share key highlights from recent initiatives, outline the current reporting structure, and demonstrate how statewide efforts are aligned to improve conditions for learning. Attendees will receive an overview of available statewide data resources and learn how these tools support continuous improvement. 2. REL–PDE Research-Practice Partnership: Completed Work, New Efforts, and School Engagement Strategies The presentation will spotlight the ongoing partnership between the Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). Presenters will summarize completed joint projects, introduce upcoming lines of inquiry, and provide an update on tools developed to assist schools in understanding climate survey results. A key focus will be strategies to improve school participation and engagement with the PA School Climate Survey and Action Planning Guide, helping districts translate survey insights into meaningful action. 3. New Reporting Tools on the PA Climate Website and Approaches to Data Analysis The final section will introduce newly released reports available on the PA Climate website, demonstrating their features, intended uses, and accessibility for school data teams. Presenters will walk through examples of how the generated reports can be used for data analysis, including identifying trends, interpreting climate indicators, and supporting decision-making at the school and district levels. Expected Outcomes Participants will leave with: A clearer understanding of statewide school climate initiatives and reporting supports Knowledge of current REL–PDE collaborative efforts and how schools can engage Familiarity with the new reporting tools and strategies for analyzing and communicating climate data

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Beyond the Classroom Support	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	Preparing for Child Accounting: Calendars, Student Coding & Outplacement Tracking	This presentation focuses on three key Child Accounting tasks: School Calendars, Student Identification & Coding, and Outplacement Tracking. Attendees will receive guidance, timelines, and tools—including a checklist, PDE-aligned calendar tool, and tracking sheets—to ensure accuracy, consistency, and accountability. Resources are designed to help staff prepare in advance so data is accurate for Child Accounting submissions. Participants will leave with practical strategies to simplify workflows, monitor progress, and maintain compliance across these essential tasks.
Beyond the Classroom Support	Advanced	Standard Oral Presentation	The Equity Breakdown: Disaggregating Your Data with Context	Expanding access to data disaggregated by race, ethnicity, disability, and other demographics makes the ability to interpret that data in context more important than ever. Nevertheless, the statistical tools to contextualize those data are often not widely understood by the educators and leaders who need them most. This hands-on session walks participants from simply comparing risks to using risk ratios, proportionalities, and the E-formula to derive meaning from their data in the context of the classroom, school, district, and/or state as is most relevant to the decision. Participants can expect to leave with the formulas and practical skills to dive into their own data after the Summit.
Career and Technology Education (CTE)	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	Defeating the Villains of Bad Data: A Secondary CTE Submission Adventure	In this session, we'll take a guided, hero-inspired look at the templates, data fields, and processes involved in the C4 Secondary CTE Submission. Participants will build a stronger command of the CTE Student Fact Template and practice accurately coding key fields through hands-on table exercises.
Career and Technology Education (CTE)	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	PIMSReportsV2: Strengthening Your CTE Data Superpowers	In this session, we'll take a focused look at the PIMSReportsV2 available for CTE. You'll build a stronger understanding of each report, what insights they offer, and how to put them to work. We'll also highlight how your LEA can use these reports to identify trends and strengthen decision-making.

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Career and Technology Education (CTE)	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	Up, Up and Away: Elevating Your Adult CTE Submission and Adult Reimbursements	Join this interactive session to explore the C4 Adult/AAP CTE Submission, including templates and data fields. Learn to accurately code CTE Student Fact Template fields and ask the right questions to ensure data accuracy. We'll guide you through claiming adult reimbursement ($6.88/hour for programs with six or more students), navigating the CATS system, submitting forms and the ACS, and using PIMS reports to verify student counts and maximize funding. Streamline your processes and make the most of your program's resources!
Career and Technology Education (CTE)	Beginner	Workshop	Follow-Up Surveys Assemble! Purpose, Process & Strategies that Save the Day	In this session, we'll dive into the purpose and process of follow-up surveys, focusing on strategies to increase response rates. Attendees will engage in hands-on exercises using PIMSReportsV2 and PDE-provided resources. Be sure to bring your laptops and get ready to explore, practice, and apply these tools in real time.
Career and Technology Education (CTE)	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	Career and Technical Education Funding	This session provides an overview of Pennsylvania's Career and Technical Education (CTE) funding, including how the Secondary Career and Technical Education Subsidy (SCTES) works and the data needed for accurate reporting. Presenters walk through the basic payment schedule, formula components, and where to find supporting resources. The session also highlights key CTE grant opportunities—such as Perkins V, Competitive Equipment, Supplemental Equipment, and CTE GEERs—and outlines general eligibility and purpose. Participants leave with a clearer understanding of how CTE funding and reporting operate at a high level.
Career and Technology Education (CTE)	Intermediate	Q&A	Rise of the Champions! CTE Edition!	In this session, we'll put your CTE knowledge to the test using an interactive game! You'll tackle questions on CTE Submissions, CTE fields, DQE rules, and a variety of other CTE trivia. Along the way, you'll learn the correct answers and best practices to strengthen your understanding. Do you have what it takes to rise to the challenge?
Career and Technology Education (CTE)	Intermediate	Workshop	Best Practices for the PDE-408 Form	Join staff from the Bureau of Career and Technical Education for a clear overview of the PDE 408 form and its role in guiding students along meaningful career pathways. This session will demonstrate how the form can serve as a practical tool for tracking student progress through a CTE program's scope and sequence, including the completion of required competency tasks. Participants will also learn how to locate PA CIP-to-SOC information and identify relevant industry credentials embedded in the form. Jeff Tech will share their process and collection strategies, followed by a group discussion to gather additional ideas for collecting completed 408 forms.

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Career and Technology Education (CTE)	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	What is Occupational Competency Testing in PA and How does it relate to PIMS Reporting?	This session provides a clear, high-level overview of Occupational Competency Testing (OCT) in Pennsylvania and how it connects to PIMS reporting requirements. Participants will learn what OCT is, why it matters for CTE programs, and the basic data elements that must be reported in PIMS to ensure accuracy and compliance. Perfect for those seeking a simple, straightforward understanding of how the two areas intersect.
Career and Technology Education (CTE)	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	Career and Technical Transition for Students with Individualized Education Plans	York Tech's story and best practice for the successful transition of students from 14 sending school districts to a comprehensive 9-12 technical high school. Joe and Jarret will discuss systems, support, and communication they utilize with their sending school districts and parents to support students in 8th or 9th grade, making the choice to attend York Tech.
Curriculum Staff	Intermediate	Workshop	Making Every Assessment Count: Crafting a Differentiated System	Join us to innovate your district's assessment practices! This interactive session will guide educators through developing a purposeful and differentiated assessment system that serves student needs and maximizes instructional time. Participants will collaboratively draft an assessment theory of action using an AI generator and create a practical decision-making tree. The guiding prompts and questions will assist in determining the right assessments, for the right purposes, for the right students, at the right time." Test the generated assets by applying them to real-world Firefly/CDT assessment scenarios. This session empowers participants to learn innovative assessment planning strategies, connect with peers and AI tools to refine their philosophy, and activate a differentiated system that optimizes assessment for student needs, instructional planning, and goal monitoring. Bring your favorite device.
Curriculum Staff	Advanced	Panel Discussion	On-ramps to Early Literacy Assessment: Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners	This session will cover a balanced adaptive approach to assessing developing readers from kindergarten to third grade. Learning to read is made up of complex processes and follows a unique path for all learners. To provide effective instruction, it is important to implement assessments that target discrete skills and provide ongoing data to support whole group, small group, and one-on-one instruction. To account for individual learning progressions, this session will also cover using "on-ramps" to provide a unique assessment path for students to better meet them where they are in regard to literacy development.

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Curriculum Staff	Advanced	Panel Discussion	From Data Literacy to a Balanced Assessment Framework: A Comprehensive Approach to Assessment	This session will showcase a district's journey to transform assessment practices into a coherent, data-driven system that improves student achievement. Participants will learn about the process, starting with stakeholder feedback through Assessment Scorecards to review and refine assessments to align with the district's vision and instructional priorities. From this initial step, a balanced assessment system that included local, state, and national assessments was improved, and new digital tools were implemented to optimize access to timely and relevant data. In addition to building a district's data infrastructure, this session will also cover the importance of building data literacy at all levels and supporting authentic data discussions to maximize the impact of assessment on classroom instruction.
Curriculum Staff	Advanced	Workshop	Reimagining Data Meetings: Transforming Data Meetings into Instructional Planning for MTSS Success	Discover how one district redefined the purpose of data meetings by shifting the focus from reviewing scores to driving instructional planning. A collaborative team—comprised of instructional coaches, reading specialists, principals, and the director of teaching and learning—developed a system that aligns data analysis with actionable tiered supports for students. Participants will learn leadership strategies and structures that strengthen MTSS implementation and ensure data meaningfully informs instruction.
Cybersecurity & Artificial Intelligence	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	CIS Controls Overview and Resources	How to implement and track our globally recognized set of prioritized cybersecurity best practices to help defend against the most prevalent cyber threats. Our Controls provide specific, actionable safeguards broken into Implementation Groups (IGs) to help organizations streamline compliance efforts, with a focus on essential cyber hygiene.
Cybersecurity & Artificial Intelligence	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	Securing Data Across Every Connection	Today's education ecosystem no longer lives within the four walls of your school. Users connect from anywhere, including classrooms, homes, and mobile devices. Critical data flows between local servers, cloud applications, and third party systems. In this era, a firewall alone is not enough to protect and secure data. This session explores how Zero Trust security principles can help schools and agencies protect sensitive data across every connection. Participants will learn how to move their security posture beyond traditional perimeter-based defenses by verifying user identity, validating device posture, and continuously monitoring access to applications and data - regardless of where they reside. Attendees will also gain insight into practical ways to implement these strategies using modern cloud based security tools. By understanding how to secure data everywhere it moves, education leaders can confidently support digital learning while maintaining strong protection for students, staff, and data.

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Cybersecurity & Artificial Intelligence	Intermediate	Question and Answer	Access Granted: PVAAS + SSO Integration	Every data hero deserves a faster, safer way to reach their tools — and the next evolution of PVAAS access is on the horizon! Join SAS EVAAS experts and tech leaders from across Pennsylvania to explore how Single Sign-On (SSO) can supercharge PVAAS access. In this interactive session, you'll help shape the future of secure, streamlined data access. We'll share updates from our proof of concept, including insights from the field, and invite your input on how SSO integration can enhance security, simplify role management, and reduce login barriers. Together, we'll co-design the next step in empowering every educator to turn data into action — because even heroes need quick, reliable access to their power source!
PIMS Administrators	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	Placeholder Title: PIMS Power-Up — Live Support & Learning (Part 1)	The PIMS Application Support team is preparing a powerful, hands-on breakout designed to help you conquer data challenges and master your super-tools. While the final session details are still being finalized, this interactive experience will include live support, real-time Q&A, and guided learning to help you navigate PIMS with confidence and speed. Bring your questions — and get ready to level up your skills!
PIMS Administrators	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	Placeholder Title: PIMS Power-Up — Live Support & Learning (Part 2)	The PIMS Application Support team is preparing a powerful, hands-on breakout designed to help you conquer data challenges and master your super-tools. While the final session details are still being finalized, this interactive experience will include live support, real-time Q&A, and guided learning to help you navigate PIMS with confidence and speed. Bring your questions — and get ready to level up your skills!
PIMS Administrators	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	Staff Reporting for ACT 45/ACT 48, PERMS and Accurate Work History	Review how reporting of staff assignment and job class code has far reaching impacts such ACT 45 requirements, Work History for Level II attainment.
PIMS Administrators	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	Deeper Dive into Critical PIMS Reports	Tools are a super hero's best friend. This session will arm you with the precise reports necessary to become the data hero your organization needs. Learn to proactively identify and fix missing data, inconsistencies, and performance bottlenecks, transforming you into a guardian of data integrity
PIMS Administrators	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	Common PIMS Errors – How To Identify and Resolve Them	You've uploaded files to PIMS and you're getting error messages in File Manager or Batch Manager. This session will address how to find and interpret error messages, and identify and correct the records causing he errors. A must for new PIMS administrators or Experienced PIMS administrators needing help in this area.

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PIMS Administrators	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	Best Practices for Upcoming PIMS Collections	This presentation will provide a breakdown of the steps to be taken to prepare, upload and review quality data to PIMS. Each step will include a review of the resources available to assist in the process.
PIMS Administrators	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	Student and EL Reporting	This presentation will provide a comprehensive review of student reporting for PIMS and will also take a closer look at the fields and collections that are unique to students that are identified as English Learners
PIMS Administrators	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	Course and Resolving Its Common Issues	An overview of the Course Collection and going through common situations that can cause issues and how to resolve them.
PIMS Administrators	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	PDE NoReply Student Emails- Turning the "Oh No" Into "I Know What to Do!"	This presentation will review Student Status update and error emails sent by PDE throughout the C1 collection. Attendees will learn how to use these emails as a tool by developing an understanding of what they are telling you, how to review the information provided, and how to fix any errors. Attendees will also hear from LEA presenters that will explain how they utilize these emails to improve the quality of the data they submit to PIMS.
PIMS Administrators	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	Erroring Out: Understanding Common Errors in Student, Staff, and Grad Drop Cohort Uploads	A detailed review of the most common DQE errors encountered when working with Student, Staff, and Grad Drop Cohort Collections. This presentation will provide an explanation of the errors, and steps toward correcting these errors, to help you get that coveted green check!
PIMS Administrators	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	Summary of Child Accounting Membership	This will be a review of each section of the Summary of Child Accounting Membership report. The average daily membership (ADM) reflected on this school district report is a critical PDE-calculated data element used for state subsidies including Basic Education Funding, Special Education Funding, and Secondary Career and Technical Education Subsidy.

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PIMS Administrators	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	Grad Drop Cohort Collection: Understanding the Transition from C1 to C5 Collection Window	The C1 Grad Drop Cohort Collection will officially move to a C5 collection beginning with the 25-26 SY data. Therefore, beginning in June 2026, LEAs will see the C5 Grad Drop Cohort 2025-26 Collection become available. This presentation will explain what is changing and what is not changing with this important collection. Information on the new timeline and deadlines for this collection will be provided.
PIMS Administrators	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	PAsecureID	Discusses best practices for reporting in PAsecureID and how to handle duplicate and shared PAsecureIDs.
PIMS Administrators	Beginner	Standard Oral Presentation	PIMS Internal Snapshots	We will explore what an internal snapshot is and what it isn't. We will look at how to use the calendar to find the information you need, how it affects the dates on reports and what PIMS does with the information.
PIMS Administrators	Beginner	Workshop	Excel Essentials for K-12: Fast-Track Data Skills	This hands-on, one-hour workshop equips K-12 educators and administrators with the foundational Excel skills needed for effective school and PDE reporting. Participants will master spreadsheet navigation, data entry, cell formatting, using simple formulas, and the basics of tables, sorting, and filtering. Through step-by-step demonstrations and real education examples, attendees will leave with practical techniques to organize and work confidently with student and program data—perfect for those new to Excel or looking for a refresher.
PIMS Administrators	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	Keystone State ChalleNGe Academy – How To Report Your Students Attending This Program	The Keystone State Challenge Academy, a join effort between the Pennsylvania Department of Military affairs and the Pennsylvania Department of Education, is a free 22-week residential program that assists students 16-18 in credit recovery toward graduation or passing their GED. Students remain enrolled in their regular school during participation. This session will describe the program, promote the clear exchange of information between the program and schools, touch on PIMS reporting requirements, and highlight success stories.
PIMS Administrators	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	Future Ready PA Index – PIMS Collections and Reports	The Future Ready PA Index is your LEA's public-facing report card. This session will identify the data sources we use for the Index and help you ensure the data

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PIMS Administrators	Intermediate	Panel Discussion	Outplaced Students- One Size Does Not Fit All	This presentation will address various scenarios where students are educated at locations outside of their District of Residence for PIMS reporting and will review the differences in how the data is reported for those scenarios across the Student, Child Accounting and Special Ed collections.
PIMS Administrators	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	PDE NoReply Staff Emails- Turning the "Oh No" Into "I Know What to Do!"	This presentation will review Staff error emails sent by PDE throughout the C1 collection. Attendees will learn how to use these emails as a tool by developing an understanding of what they are telling you, how to review the information provided, and how to fix any errors. Attendees will also hear from LEA presenters that will explain how they utilize these emails to improve the quality of the data they submit to PIMS.
PIMS Administrators	Intermediate	Panel Discussion	Economically Disadvantaged Qualifiers- Preparing for the 26-27 PIMS requirement	This presentation will provide guidance on preparation for required reporting of Economically Disadvantaged status qualifiers for the 26-27 School Year. Presenters will provide background of why the the new fields are being collected and will address proper identification of students for all ED qualifier types for reporting to PIMS.
PIMS Administrators	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	Educational Stability in Action: New Foster Care Requirements for LEAs	Beginning in the 2025-26 school year, LEAs must identify students in foster care within PIMS using the federal definition, which includes several related Child Accounting codes. This session provides a clear, step-by-step overview of the new PIMS requirements, guidance for troubleshooting common issues, and answers to frequently asked Child Accounting questions. In addition, the session will review the updated non-regulatory guidance released in late 2024 by the U.S. Departments of Education and Health and Human Services - the first major guidance revision since ESSA. Participants will gain a practical understanding of how Title I provisions support educational stability under the new guidance and leave better equipped to fulfill their responsibilities to students in foster care.
PIMS Administrators	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	From PIMS to Attribution: How Your Data Affects and Shapes Assessment and Attribution	In this session we will follow data from uploading into PIMS, through an internal snapshot, to DRC and back to PIMS. We will explore what fields are used in the various portions of assessment and how they affect submissions. Hope to include DRC in this presentation to detail what they do with the PIMS data in their set up of test sessions, scores and what is returned to PDE. From there give information on what we look for when doing the attribution requests in June.

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PIMS Administrators	Intermediate	Workshop	Excel Unleashed: Advanced Tools for Data Integration and Cleaning for Educators	Unlock the power of Excel for real-world data challenges in this interactive workshop. Participants will gain hands-on experience merging data from multiple sources using XLOOKUP, creating dynamic conditional columns using IFS, and leveraging advanced formulas to search, transform, merge, split, and clean messy datasets. Perfect for education professionals seeking to streamline reporting and make sense of complex data.
PIMS Administrators	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	Discipline PIMS Reporting: A Comprehensive Overview	In this presentation, we will delve into the intricacies of Discipline PIMS Reporting. Attendees will gain a thorough understanding of how to reflect the data required for reporting to those in your district that are responsible for entering the data to ensure accurate and insightful data management. We will cover key topics such as data collection, and reporting standards, providing practical examples to illustrate the process. By the end of this session, participants will be equipped with the knowledge and tools to optimize their discipline reporting strategies, enhancing overall data governance of this dataset.
PIMS Administrators	Intermediate	Workshop	Beyond the Grid: Excel Secrets for Smarter Data Work	Whether you're brand new to Excel or already consider yourself a spreadsheet pro, this session will take your skills to the next level. Join us for a fast-paced, interactive dive into Excel's most useful, and often overlooked, features. We'll explore practical shortcuts, formulas that make your data work for you, and powerful tools like PivotTables, conditional formatting, and dynamic arrays. You'll leave with real-world strategies to save time, reduce errors, and turn messy data into meaningful insights. From hidden gems to expert-level efficiencies, this session is designed to help every participant "Excel" with confidence: no matter where you start on the grid.
PIMS Administrators	Advanced	Standard Oral Presentation	The Essentials of Staff Reporting	It is critical to capture all Professional-level positions and the staff filling those positions in a Local Education Agency (LEA). Accurate and complete data are crucial because of the significance this data set has on other data sets and programs.
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Special Education	Intermediate	Standard Oral Presentation	Funding Follows the Data: How Act 16 Reporting Shapes Special Education Success	Join this interactive session designed for Special Education Administrators, Data Coordinators, and PIMS Administrators to deepen your understanding of Act 16 reporting. Participants will learn practical strategies for organizing and managing Act 16 data, including how to create and maintain a Master Act 16 Microsoft Excel file to support accurate and efficient PIMS submissions to PDE. The session will also explore best practices for data validation, cross-department collaboration, and the connection between accurate reporting and funding outcomes—all aimed at helping LEAs strengthen their data quality culture. The presenter will be using Microsoft Excel for Mac, Version 16.101 (2025).