



**College
of Education**

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

LUSSC 2026–27 Program

Theme: Leading for the Public Good

What is LUSSC?

The Lehigh University School Study Council (LUSSC) is comprised of a consortium of twenty school districts, charter schools, intermediate units, and retired superintendents, that maintain a strong commitment to participating in professional development to improve schools. We support school and district leaders in their mission to better serve students and school communities.



Sessions: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Breakfast + lunch included



Networking and collaboration

Oct. 7, 2026	Regional Futures: Economic Development, Workforce, and the Schools That Sustain Communities President and CEO of the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation; former Bethlehem mayor, Lehigh County executive, and Pennsylvania cabinet secretary	<i>Don Cunningham</i>
Nov. 18, 2026	Politics and Possibilities: Pennsylvania Education at a Crossroads A statewide perspective from education leadership, teacher, school business, principal, and public education advocacy organizations	<i>PASA, PSEA, PASBO, PA Principals Association, Pennsylvania EA Voters</i>
Dec. 9, 2026	Beyond Compliance: Children, Freedom, and Justice in Schools University of Michigan researcher on teaching and teacher education and author of <i>Troublemakers: Lessons in Freedom from Young Children at School</i>	<i>Dr. Carla Shalaby University of Michigan</i>
Feb. 10, 2027	Research to Practice: Lehigh University Insights for School and District Leaders A bridge between College of Education research, faculty expertise, and the questions facing practicing educational leaders	<i>Dr. Robin Hojniski, Dean Dr. Bridget V. Dever, Associate Dean for Research Featured Research Faculty</i>
Mar. 10, 2027	Media Literacy, Digital Well-Being, and Student Voice Founder of Take Two Film Academy and Take Two Media Initiative, focused on media literacy, digital well-being, tech use, and youth voice	<i>Megan Kiefer Take Two Film Academy</i>
Apr. 7, 2027	Leading Now: Trust, Relationships, and the Superintendency in Politically Complex Times CEO and Co-Founder of Leading Now, supporting superintendents as they navigate the political and relational dimensions of district leadership	<i>Caitlin Sullivan Leading Now</i>
May 12, 2027 (tentative)	Federal Education Update: Policy, Funding, and Advocacy for District Leaders Chief Advocacy and Governance Officer at AASA, leading federal advocacy, policy, governance, and analysis for school system leaders	<i>Noelle Ellerson Ng AASA</i>



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