

ATTENDEE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2020?

NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2020 is the premier professional development and networking event for school officials in New Jersey. It is also the first statewide education conference taking place in the new school year. Come and explore trends in education, and innovative best practices. Spend three days experiencing the fantastic professional development you have come to expect from NJSBA, in a new way.

WHAT ARE THE DATES FOR NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2020?

The Virtual Workshop live broadcast days are Oct. 20-22, 2020. The conference platform, including all recorded sessions, will be available to registered attendees until Oct. 19, 2021.

DO I NEED TO REGISTER TO ATTEND?

Yes. All school board members, superintendents, and others included in the NJSBA census must register through their school business administrator. If districts wish to add team members to their registration order, they must first add them to the district census. Each attendee will be sent an individual login to access the NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2020 platform.

<https://p.njsba.org/workshop/landing>

WHAT IS THE COST OF ATTENDING NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2020?

NJSBA is offering a special member group rate of \$900, which covers up to 25 team members. Districts may include the school board members, business administrator, superintendent, facilities managers, curriculum professionals, IT staff, principals, human resource professionals, and other district staff in their group registration.

The individual member rate to attend is \$199 per person, and the individual nonmember rate is \$398 per person.

WHO DO I CONTACT FOR TECHNICAL SUPPORT AS AN ATTENDEE?

If you require technical support during Virtual Workshop, please contact njsba@getvfairs.io.

HOW LONG WILL THE NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2020 PLATFORM BE AVAILABLE?

NJSBA's Virtual Workshop sessions will be available for all registrants to watch on-demand for a full year, including access to the virtual exhibit floor and all of the conference resources. Think of it as a whole catalog of 100-plus hours of on-demand training for the entire team, including school board members, superintendents, school business administrators, IT staff, facilities managers, curriculum directors, and other district staff.

DO I NEED TO DOWNLOAD OR INSTALL ANY SOFTWARE TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND?

No. You do not need to download or install any software to participate; you only need access to the internet. Enable pop-ups on your web browser to ensure you are able to view all features of the platform.

CAN I USE MY MOBILE DEVICE OR TABLET IN PLACE OF A LAPTOP OR DESKTOP TO ATTEND?

Yes, attendees can access the conference via any mobile or tablet device.

HOW DO I ACCESS THE LIVE PLATFORM AS AN ATTENDEE?

If your school business administrator has registered you to attend, you will receive an email with your registration link during the week of Oct 13, 2020.

IS THERE AN AGENDA FOR NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP?

Yes, NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2020 will offer multiple tracks of live training sessions, all day, over three days. Sessions will cover digital and distance learning, equity, cybersecurity, cost-savings, school finance, shared services, leadership, school technology, social and emotional learning, sustainability, integrative STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts, and math), board governance, policy and more. It will also feature compelling keynote speakers and exciting special events.

Please visit <https://virtualworkshop.njsba.org/en/#agenda>.

IS MANDATED TRAINING AVAILABLE AT NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2020?

No, Mandated Training (Governance I - IV) is not available at NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2020. Please visit our website for future mandated training opportunities. <https://www.njsba.org/training/mandated-training/>

CAN I EARN BOARD MEMBER ACADEMY CREDITS AT NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2020?

Only board members and charter school trustees can receive Board Member Academy (BMA) credits toward achieving certification. Board members earn credits for attending sessions, which carry .5 credits toward BMA certification. For more information on NJSBA's Board Member Academy, please visit our academy page <https://www.njsba.org/training/board-member-academy/>.

CAN I EARN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDITS AT NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2020?

In addition to Board Member Academy credits, NJSBA is authorized to issue Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) credits for School Business Administrators and Certified Educational Facilities Managers (CEFM).

WILL THE ANNUAL SCHOOL LAW FORUM TAKE PLACE AT NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2020?

No, the Virtual School Law Forum will take place on Thursday, November 12. Please check the NJSBA website for more information.

WILL THIS YEAR'S NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2020 HOST KEYNOTE SPEAKERS?

Yes, Virtual Workshop will host daily keynote speakers at 9 a.m. in the Investors Bank Training Center.

WHO ARE THIS YEAR'S FEATURED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS?

Anna Maria Chávez, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, National School Boards Association (NSBA)

Anna Maria Chávez will kick off Workshop with an inspiring keynote address. Chávez leads a team of policy, member services, legal, communications, and business experts to advance NSBA's mission, serve its members and champion educational equity. Anna Maria Chávez will address NJSBA's Virtual Workshop attendees on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 9 a.m.

Kevin Dehmer, Interim Commissioner/Chief Financial Officer/Assistant Commissioner-Finance

On July 1, 2020, Kevin Dehmer was named Interim Commissioner for the New Jersey Department of Education by Governor Phil Murphy. Kevin Dehmer is chief financial officer and assistant commissioner for the Division of Finance at the New Jersey Department of Education. He supervises the application of the state's school funding formula to determine state aid for school districts, the calculation of district tuition rates, and the funding of charter schools. Kevin Dehmer will address NJSBA's Virtual Workshop attendees on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 9 a.m.

Sabrina Capoli, Student Representative to the New Jersey State Board of Education

Sabrina will address NJSBA's Virtual Workshop crowd to provide a student's perspective on the pandemic and the current state of education. As the State Board's liaison to the student community, Sabrina will offer much-needed student insight into her education journey to this point, the challenges ahead, and her hopes. In addition to her role on the State Board of Education, Sabrina serves as the student body president at Seneca High School in Tabernacle, Burlington County, where she is a senior. Sabrina Capoli will address NJSBA's Virtual Workshop attendees on Thursday, Oct. 22, at 9 a.m.

ARE THERE NIGHTTIME ACTIVITIES AT NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2020?

NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2020 will celebrate the students in New Jersey's districts. Join us each night of the conference, for a different program highlighting student talents and creativity.

WHAT STUDENT PERFORMANCES WILL BE FEATURED DURING THE EVENING EVENTS?

Tuesday, October 20, from 7-8:30 p.m., Student Film Showcase

The New Jersey School Boards Association is teaming up with the Garden State Film Festival, Artists Alike Studios, the New Jersey Motion Picture and Television Commission, and Steven Van Zandt's TeachRock initiative and Rock and Roll Forever Foundation to present the Student Film Showcase at NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2020.

This year's showcase will feature the "Best of the Fest" in student films, including entries from the new "New Jersey Hometown Documentary Short" Garden State Film Festival category, which is reserved for works that are written, directed, and filmed by New Jersey high school and younger grade school students. Additional categories, include high school documentary short, animation/stop motion, drama, narrative, public service announcements, suspense, experimental, and comedy.

Wednesday, Oct 21, from 7-8:30 p.m., Arts in Education Showcase

The Arts in Education Showcase, produced in partnership with the N.J. Governor's Awards in Arts Education and Arts Ed NJ, will feature visual arts, music, theater, dance, and more. The event will shine a light on achievements in arts education by New Jersey's talented students.

Thursday, October 22, from 7-8:30 p.m., Esports Gaming Showcase

NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2020 will feature an esports competition, in partnership with Horizon AVL and Garden State Esports. This live-action event will be a bracket-style tournament, completely live, and will include commentators that will follow the action in real-time. Rocket League is a fast-paced vehicular soccer game making it critical for teams to communicate and scheme quickly as a unit. New Jersey's Knollwood Middle School in Fair Haven, the first middle school in the country to create a video gaming team, will demonstrate why esports is such a fast growing industry.

WHEN WILL THE BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR CEREMONY TAKE PLACE?

The virtual Board Member of the Year ceremony will occur on Thursday, Oct 22, at 9 a.m. during the keynote time block.

WILL THERE BE A VIRTUAL COUNTY CAFE?

During NJSBA's Virtual Workshop the county school boards associations will be hosting interactive county "roundtable" sessions dealing with issues that all districts and boards of education are confronting during this pandemic. The sessions will take place at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. each day. [Learn more.](#)

WHAT IS THE "VIRTUAL BRIEFCASE," AND WHERE IS IT LOCATED?

The "Virtual Briefcase" is the virtual equivalent of Workshop's Spiezie tote bag at the Convention Center. As attendees browse booths on the virtual exhibit floor, they may add exhibitor documents and to their Briefcase by clicking the "save to briefcase" button. The Briefcase makes it easy to view all collected materials in one spot.

WHAT IS THE NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2020 LEADERBOARD?

The leaderboard is an interactive game that rewards attendees with prizes for maximizing their Virtual Workshop experience. It will be live until the conclusion of the last session on Thursday, October 22. At that time, the leaderboard will be closed and final. Prizes will be awarded to the top 20 participants on the leaderboard and will be notified within five business days.

HOW CAN I FOLLOW NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2020 ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

Use the hashtag #NJSBAWorkshop to participate in the Virtual Workshop conversation on social media. Follow NJSBA's social media sites:

- www.facebook.com/njsba
- www.twitter.com/njsba
- <https://www.instagram.com/njschoolboards/>

IS THERE AN APP AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FOR NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP?

No, but the conference is accessible via any mobile device.

IS THERE A PLACE WHERE I CAN PROVIDE FEEDBACK ABOUT NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2020?

Yes, please take our Virtual Workshop survey, which will be emailed to you following the conference.