



Systems Leadership
National Council of Senior Leaders (NCSL)
Fall Thought Leader Symposium
October 26-October 28, 2025 | Chicago

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Setting the Stage	Objectives for our time together:
• Thriving in a BANI World • National Insights Report (Summer, 2025)	• Create a productive, open and interactive space for all participants • Engage with a spirit of inquiry and curiosity • Explore current problems of practice in education through a practice of asking probing questions • Reflect on the stories we hear and connections we make to embolden our courage and conviction as we lead for equity

Working Agenda

Wifi:

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Sunday, October 26, 2025			
Time	Presenter	Activity	Location
Until 1:00 PM		Arrivals & Check-in	The Zachary Hotel
1:00 PM	Jennifer Ferrari	Welcome & Introductions Framing & Maximizing the Symposium Experience	American Airlines Conference Center
	Founding Sponsors	Solution Spotlights • Classlink • EdWeb	

		Town Hall Discussion – National Recap	
2:00 PM	The Brothers Bolton	Leading with Listening	
4:00 PM	Sponsors	Solution Spotlights • Amira • APC Leadership Collaborative • Classroom Mosaic	
4:15 PM	Anna Stubblefield	Leadership Story	
	Full Membership	Reflections & Insights	
6:00 PM		Thought Leader Reception & Dinner	Big Star
9:00 PM		Optional Social	Zachary Hotel
Monday, October 27, 2025			
Time	Presenter	Activity	Location
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM		Breakfast	
9:00 AM	The Brothers Bolton	Leading with Candor	
10:15	Sponsors	Solution Spotlights • ACE • Facing History In Ourselves • Just Right Reader	
10:30 AM	Steve Murley	Resilience at work	
12:30 PM		Lunch	American Airlines Conference Center
1:15 PM	Featured Leaders	Roundtable Sessions	
2:45 PM	Sponsors	Solution Spotlights • Lebra • Qualtrics • Willow	

3:00 PM	Steve Murley	Resilience at Work	
Between 6:15 & 6:30 PM		Chicago Dine-Around Symposium participants will enjoy small group dinners at different restaurants in Chicago's iconic Wrigleyville Neighborhood	Wrigleyville
8:30 PM		Optional Social	The Zachary Hotel
Tuesday, October 28, 2025			
Time	Presenter	Activity	Location
8:00 AM -9:00 AM		Breakfast	The American Airlines Conference Center
9:00 AM	Steve Murley Doug Bolton Jim Bolton	The intersection of Belonging, Listening & Resilience	
10:30 AM		Synthesizing/Reflecting/Planning for Action Macro-reflecting What comes next?	
10:55 AM		Last word	