



LEADING FROM THE MIDDLE FOR CENTRAL OFFICE LEADERS

Join a six-part series on increasing coherence and collaboration among school district leaders.

Series Overview

When central office leaders strengthen their leadership practice, they create the conditions for district-wide coherence, collaboration, and instructional improvement. Leading from the Middle builds the leadership capacity of directors, coordinators, and other mid-level leaders—equipping them with tools and strategies to lead across departments, support school sites, and sustain change from the center of the system.

In a series of six, two-hour sessions, leaders will:

- Learn tools and skills to create alignment and success - both technical and personal
- Share best practices
- Build a network of central office leaders

Session Topics & Dates

Session 1: The Role of Central Office

October 6, 2026

Leaders begin by clarifying their role in driving system-wide change. They reflect on their unique context, strengthen relationships, and explore decision-making strategies that balance technical and adaptive leadership.

Session 2: Creating and Leading Agile Teams

October 20, 2026

Leaders explore the characteristics of effective teams and assess how their current team structures support collaboration and improved outcomes.

Session 3: Aligning Leadership Across the System

November 17, 2026

Leaders consider how to move beyond departmental silos to align priorities across the district using frameworks to reflect on team culture and shared priorities.



Session 4: Doing Differently With Less

December 1, 2026

Leaders evaluate their current initiatives and how they spend their time to identify priorities.

Session 5: Navigating Leadership Transitions

December 15, 2026

Leaders explore key transitions and practice tools retain institutional knowledge and ensure leadership continuity.

Session 6: Sustaining the Leadership Pipeline

January 19, 2027

Leaders reflect on how talent is grown and sustained, and practice strategies to strengthen their leadership pipeline.

Who Should Join

This series is designed for central office leaders—such as directors, assistant superintendents, and coordinators—who sit at the intersection of strategy and implementation. Whether your role supports student services, operations, instruction or human resources, Leading from the Middle is for anyone working to lead change across complex systems.

Teams of two to three are encouraged to attend.



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