



# COSSBA Conference

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### Board Learning & Development



- Student Reps on the School Board
  - NSBMA
  - Session by Mount Prospect D57
- Lighthouse Research
  - Highly Effective School Boards
    - Boards that learn together, lead together
- Hot Button Law Issues
- Teacher of the Year Missy Testerman
  - "Public education is a dignity creator."
- Laila Ali
  - Mindset & Resilient Leadership
- Brandon Farbstein
  - Rising Above Adversity
  - Empathy







# Kevin Michael Board Secretary



#### What to Ask or Know to Understand Your School District Finances



Points to consider

- IL state requirements
- Limitations on fund use/transfers
- Fund balance requirements/recommendations

Recommended that any BOE member can quickly list 5 facts that explain the finances of the district



### Hot Button Issues in School Law



Main Points

- Executive orders vs. laws (E.O.s are department regulations/directives)
- 14th Amendment and Title VI
- Title IX changes

When in doubt, consult BOE and School District legal counsel; follow state laws and regulations



#### Collective Efficacy: Tools to Optimize Student Achievement



Key Points

- Changing role of students in instructional process—the one doing the work is the one doing the learning
- Collective Efficacy-highest effect size based on Hattie research
  - shared belief that by working together IN AN ALIGNED WAY we can positively affect student outcomes
- District's Instructional Framework is an anchor for building collective efficacy



#### How Student Voice and Community Engagement Enhance Initiative Success



Key Points

- Moving district away from being staff-focused and more family focused.
- Equity audit/Portrait of a Graduate: what kind of person do we want students to be when they leave the district?
- Principal Advisory Council
  - 4 students (2 each from grades 7 & 8)
  - gave insight on food service, new school construction, full day K



## Additional Sessions (KM)



- Making Sense of What is Happening in Washington
- Where is your school district going? Essential elements of goal setting and strategic planning focused on student achievement outcomes
- Fostering Governance Excellence: Effective Onboarding & Support for New Board Members
- Seeking Community Input
- Navigating Meeting Postings, Agendas, and Minutes
- From Records to Relationships: Enhancing Board Clerk Leadership and Influence





