



2026 Nebraska MTSS Summit Schedule

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DAY 1: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

WELCOME 8:30–8:45 a.m.	 Ballroom: Nebraska Department of Education Welcome	
KEYNOTE 8:45–10:00 a.m.	 Ballroom: Normal Sucks with Jonathan Mooney, Author and Advocate	
BREAKOUT SESSION A 10:15–11:15 a.m.	 Gold 1: Learning Outside the Lines <i>(Keynote follow-up)</i>	 Silver 6: Engaging Families, Connecting Students: A Path to Reducing Chronic Absenteeism
	 Gold 7: Accessibility Belongs in Tier 1: Building MTSS Systems for Accessible Learning	 Silver 7: The Inclusive Practices Academy: Designing for Impact
	 Silver 1: School Spotlight: Bennet Elementary School (OR-1)	Silver 8/9: School Spotlight: ESU 10/ Gothenburg Public Schools
	Silver 2/3: History Matters!	Silver 10: SMART Break: A Tier 2 Support for Students
	Silver 4: School Spotlight: Battle Creek Public Schools	 Silver 11: Inclusive Literacy: Bridging Core Curriculum for AAC and Alternate Assessment
	Silver 5: Prevent-Teach-Reinforce: An Individualized Behavior Intervention Process	 Silver 12: The External Brain: Engineering Tier 1 for Maximum Impact
BREAKOUT SESSION B 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	 Gold 1: Don't Eat the Marshmallow <i>(Keynote follow-up)</i>	Silver 6: The FBA/BIP Technical Adequacy Tool for Evaluation (TATE): Improving Practice
	 Gold 7: School Spotlight: Boone Central Schools	 Silver 7: Life-Ready Literacy: Understanding Functional Math and Reading Literacy
	 Silver 1: School Spotlight: Millard Public Schools	 Silver 8/9: From Access to Impact: Using MTSS to Support Students With Complex and Significant Needs
	Silver 2/3: From Workshop to Classroom: Strengthening Collective Efficacy Through Professional Learning	Silver 10: Process and Planning Space
	Silver 4: School Spotlight: Perkins County Elementary School	Silver 11: The Human Side of Literacy Change: An Implementation Science Guide for Teachers
	Silver 5: Sneak Peek: Nebraska's Dyslexia Implementation Guide: Technical Support for Assessment Specialists	Silver 12: From Data Overload to Instructional Impact

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LUNCH 12:30–1:30 p.m.	Ballroom: Team Networking Lunch	
BREAKOUT SESSION C 1:45–2:45 p.m.	 Gold 1: School Spotlight: Madison Public Schools	 Silver 6: Decoding the Brain: How Executive Function Unlocks Literacy
	 Gold 7: School Spotlight: Mitchell Public Schools	 Silver 7: Beyond Buy-In: Leading the Human Side of Literacy Change Through Implementation Science
	 Silver 1: School Spotlight: Sandy Creek Elementary	 Silver 8/9: Restorative Practices Within MTSS: Supporting Attendance and Engagement
	Silver 2/3: Play to Practice: Using the Preschool Instructional Practice Guide to Strengthen Early Literacy	Silver 10: Process and Planning Space
	Silver 4: School Spotlight: Tekamah-Herman Elementary School	 Silver 11: When Behavior IS the Literacy Problem: Looking Beyond Defiance to Skill Deficits
	Silver 5: Leading with Impact: Understanding Rule 11 and Strengthening Early Childhood Programming	Silver 12: School-Based Projects Developed and Implemented by WORDS Project Literacy Leaders
PODCAST PANEL 3:00–4:00 p.m.	 Ballroom: The Good Life EDU Podcast Presents: What All Educators Can Do for Literacy	
NETWORKING 4:00–5:30 p.m.	 Appetizers and a cash bar (<i>Pre-registration required</i>)	



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DAY 2: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

KEYNOTE 8:30–9:45 a.m.	 Ballroom: One Kind Person Can Change the World with Ben Hartranft, President, Benergy1 Presentations	
BREAKOUT SESSION D 10:00–11:00 a.m.	 Gold 1: We're All in This Together – Family Presentation (<i>Keynote follow-up</i>)	Silver 6: Teachers and Parents as Partners: A Collaborative Approach to Tier 2/3 Intervention
	 Gold 7: School Spotlight: Yutan Elementary School	 Silver 7: The Power of the Poster: Small Moves, Big Impact for Behavior and Literacy
	 Silver 1: School Spotlight: Gordon-Rushville Middle School	 Silver 8/9: From Understanding to Implementation: Tiered Supports for Dyslexia and Dysgraphia
	Silver 2/3: From Data Collection to Intervention: MTSS Dashboards That Actually Help Teams Act	Silver 10: Process and Planning Space
	Silver 4: School Spotlight: Falls City Public Schools	Silver 11: From Systems to Success: MTSS That Moves Literacy Forward
	Silver 5: Grounded to Lead: Building the Foundation for Instructional Leadership	 Silver 12: Access Isn't a Tier: Communication Drives MTSS at Every Level
BREAKOUT SESSION E 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	 Gold 1: From Barriers to Breakthroughs: UDL-Inspired Leadership for Secondary MTSS	 Silver 6: Bringing Clarity to Complexity: MTSS Tiers of Support for English Language Learners
	 Gold 7: School Spotlight: DC West Community Schools	 Silver 7: Vibe Check: Ensuring Our Tier 2 “Data-Based Decisions” Are Based on Data
	 Silver 1: Impact Begins with Predictability, Belonging, and Engagement	Silver 8/9: Identifying Students with Dyslexia (and Dysgraphia): Data-Based Decision-Making Within MTSS
	Silver 2/3: School Spotlight: Sandy Creek High School	Silver 10: Process and Planning Space
	Silver 4: School Spotlight: Milford Public Schools	Silver 11: From PD to Practice: Coaching That Drives Research-Based Literacy Instruction
	 Silver 5: Heading in the Right Direction: Aligning Reading and Learning Science	Silver 12: Strong Enough to be Flexible: Building Your Systems With Adaptability
LUNCH 12:15–1:15 p.m.	Ballroom: Team Networking Lunch	

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