



**National Leaders Conference**

Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel  
Arlington, VA  
March 13-15, 2016

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**

**Leading Through Change**

**Sunday, March 13**

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Registration.....Prefunction Registration Desk

3:00–4:30 p.m. State Executive Directors Session.....Salon 1

5 p.m. General Assembly.....Salon 4  
State of the Association  
Candidate Speeches  
Other Items of Business

6:30 p.m. Welcome Reception.....Prefunction Salons 1-3

7:30 p.m. Dinner on Your Own

**Monday, March 14**

Breakfast on Your Own

8:30–9:30 a.m. Zone Meetings  
Zone 1.....Studio A  
Zone 2.....Studio B  
Zone 3.....Studio C  
Zone 4.....Studio D  
Zone 5.....Studio E  
Zone 6.....Salon 1  
Zone 7.....Salon 5  
Zone 8.....Salon 2  
Zone 9.....Salon 3

9:30–9:45 a.m. Break

9:45–10:00 a.m. Welcome.....Salon 4

10:00 –10:30 a.m. Acting U.S. Secretary of Education, John King (invited).....Salon 4

10:30 –11:15 a.m.. Implementing ESSA: State and Local Perspectives on Major.....Salon 4  
Policy Shifts

*Speakers: Peter Zamora, Director of Federal Relations, Council of Chief State Officers  
Richard Laine, Director of Education Division, National Governors Association  
Dr. S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent, Baltimore County Public Schools*

- 11:15–11:30 a.m. Break
- 11:30 a.m.—12 p.m. Facilitated Discussion—Developing an Action Plan on ESSA.....Salon 4  
Implementation
- 12:00–1:30 p.m. Lunch on Your Own
- 12:00–1:30 p.m. State Representatives Lunch & Membership Activity.....Studio E  
(State Reps Only)
- 1:30–2:30 p.m. Education Policy and the 2016 Presidential and Congressional .....Salon 4  
Elections  
*Speakers: The Tarrance Group, national polling experts  
Lake Associates, national polling experts  
Nirvi Shah, Deputy Editor, Politico*
- 2:30—3:15 p.m. Preparation for Visits on Capitol Hill..... Salon 4
- 3:15—3:30 p.m. Break
- 3:30—4:00 p.m. Role Playing/Advocacy in Action—Getting Your Message Across.....Salon 4
- 4:00—4:30 p.m. State Team Work.....Salon 4
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

Dinner on Your Own – Strategize and Plan for Capitol Hill Visits

**Tuesday, March 15**

- Breakfast on Your Own
- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. State Editors Meeting.....Studio E
- 8:30 a.m. Buses Begin Departing for Capitol Hill (subject to change)
- 10:30 a.m. Last Bus Departs for Capitol Hill
- 4:30 p.m. NLC Program Concludes

**Thursday, March 17**

- 2:00 p.m. EST Conference Call Debrief (Federal Relations Coordinators)

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