

# ATTENDEE FAQs

## WHY SHOULD I ATTEND NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2021?

NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2021 is the premier professional development and networking event for school officials in New Jersey. It is also the first statewide education conference taking place in the new school year. Come and explore trends in education, and innovative best practices. Spend three days experiencing the fantastic professional development you have come to expect from NJSBA, in a new way.

## WHAT ARE THE DATES FOR NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2021?

The Virtual Workshop live broadcast days are Oct. 26-28, 2021. The conference platform, including all recorded sessions, will be available to registered attendees until November 27, 2021.

## DO I NEED TO REGISTER TO ATTEND?

Yes. All school board members, superintendents, and others included in the NJSBA census must register through their school business administrator. If districts wish to add team members to their registration order, they must first add them to the district census. Each attendee will be sent an individual login to access the NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2021 platform.

## WHAT IS THE COST OF ATTENDING NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2021?

NJSBA is offering a special group rate of \$900 for up to 25 team members, including school board members, superintendents, school business administrators, IT directors, facilities directors, principals, and other district staff. That's only \$36 per person. The individual member rate is \$450 per person.

## WHO DO I CONTACT FOR TECHNICAL SUPPORT AS AN ATTENDEE?

If you require technical support during Virtual Workshop, please contact [workshop.njsba@getvfairs.io](mailto:workshop.njsba@getvfairs.io) or visit the Help Desk in the main lobby.

## HOW LONG WILL THE NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2021 PLATFORM BE AVAILABLE?

NJSBA's Virtual Workshop sessions will be available for all registrants to watch on-demand for 30 days, including access to the virtual exhibit floor and all of the conference resources. Think of it as a whole catalog of 100-plus hours of on-demand training for the entire team, including school board members, superintendents, school business administrators, IT staff, facilities managers, curriculum directors, and other district staff.

## DO I NEED TO DOWNLOAD OR INSTALL ANY SOFTWARE TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND?

No. You do not need to download or install any software to participate; you only need access to the internet. Enable pop-ups on your web browser to ensure you are able to view all features of the platform.

## CAN I USE MY MOBILE DEVICE OR TABLET IN PLACE OF A LAPTOP OR DESKTOP TO ATTEND?

Yes, attendees can access the conference via any mobile or tablet device.

## HOW DO I ACCESS THE LIVE PLATFORM AS AN ATTENDEE?

If your school business administrator has registered you to attend, you will receive an email with your registration link during the week of Oct 18, 2021.

## HOW DOES THE CHAT FEATURE WORK?

An attendee can enter a chatroom from any booth. Once they are in, they can "direct message" with a booth representative who is logged on, or leave a message in booth's public chat. With direct messaging, the booth representative can talk with the attendee privately, and the public chat is available for all to see. Chat rooms will only be enabled on live streaming dates - October 26-28.

## IS THERE AN AGENDA FOR NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP?

Yes, NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2021 will offer multiple tracks of live training sessions, all day, over three days. Sessions will cover digital and distance learning, equity, cybersecurity, cost-savings, school finance, shared services, leadership, school technology, social and emotional learning, sustainability, integrative STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts, and math), board governance, policy and more. It will also feature compelling keynote speakers and exciting special events. To view a session, go to the 'Auditorium', find the session you wish to view, and click, 'Join Session'. Please note: the 'Join Session' button will appear 1 minute prior to the start of the session.

## IS MANDATED TRAINING AVAILABLE AT NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2021?

No, mandated training is not offered at Virtual Workshop 2021. To view a list of mandated training opportunities, please use this link.

## CAN I EARN BOARD MEMBER ACADEMY CREDITS AT NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2021?

Only board members and charter school trustees can receive Board Member Academy (BMA) credits toward achieving certification. Board members earn credits for attending sessions, which carry .5 credits toward BMA certification. For more information on NJSBA's Board Member Academy, please visit our academy page [www.njsba.org/training/board-member-academy](http://www.njsba.org/training/board-member-academy).

## CAN I EARN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDITS AT NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2021?

In addition to Board Member Academy credits, NJSBA is authorized to issue Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) credits for School Business Administrators and Certified Educational Facilities Managers (CEFM). You must attend the live sessions to receive credit.

## WILL THE ANNUAL SCHOOL LAW FORUM TAKE PLACE AT NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2021?

No, the Virtual School Law Forum will take place on Tuesday, November 23. Please check the NJSBA website for more information.

## WILL THIS YEAR'S NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2021 HOST KEYNOTE SPEAKERS?

Yes, Virtual Workshop will host daily keynote speakers at 9 a.m. in the Investors Bank Training Center.

## WHO ARE THIS YEAR'S FEATURED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS?

**Student Keynote - Maura Baker - Tuesday, Oct. 26** Maura is the student representative to the State Board of Education. Baker, 16, shares her own experiences and advice on living with dyslexia in a blog, website and Twitter account called "Smart Kid-Mad Myths."

**Alisha De Lorenzo - Wed., Oct. 27** A former educator and wellness professional who has been a popular presenter at prior NJSBA programs, will focus on making social-emotional health and mindfulness a priority for students and staff, forming relationships and connections, and addressing trauma.

**Acting Commissioner, Department of Education, Angelica Allen-McMillan, Ed.D. - Thurs, Oct. 28** On October 20, 2020, Dr. Angelica Allen-McMillan was nominated by Governor Phil Murphy to serve as Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Education. Acting Commissioner Allen-McMillan is a proud product of a New Jersey public school education. She is also a passionate educator and an inspirational public speaker.

If you have further questions about the platform that are not on this FAQ, please use [this link](#) to access even more frequently asked questions about the platform.