

8:00 - 9:00	Registration & Networking Breakfast Sponsor Sessions
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9:00 - 9:10	Opening Remarks
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9:15 - 10:00	Keynote Speaker: Randolph D. Hubach, PhD, MPH <i>Professor and Department Head</i> <i>Director, Sexual Health Research Lab</i> <i>Director, Center for Rural and Migrant Health</i> Community Room
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Session I

10:10 - 10:55	Designing the Future: An AI-Readiness Framework for Rural K-12 Teaching and Learning Room 113 Dr. Melissa McIntire & Dr. Corey Smith, Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent	Building Resilient Students & Schools Room 123 Lora Wilson, East Central Educational Service Center	Beyond Safe Spaces: Turning Youth Voice Into Community Action Room 233 Esmeralda Cruz, Purdue Extension	Why the WVEC Title III Consortium Matters to your Multilingual Population Room 239 Jennifer Fry, Wabash Valley Education Center
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Session II

11:00 - 11:45	Small Staff, Big Impact: AI as a Force Multiplier for Rural Districts Room 113 Ryan Murray, CIESC	Why Are Fewer Indiana High School Graduates Going to College? Evidence from County-Level Data with a Focus on Rural Indiana Room 123 Marley Heritier, Graduate Student, Agricultural Economics Jay Akridge, Department of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University	From Engagement to Empowerment: Building a Family-Friendly Culture Across Rural Schools Room 233 Dr. Robin Cochran, Washington County School District	Thriving Through Challenges: Overcoming Burnout in Rural Special Education Teachers Room 239 Kristie Jones, Ph.D, Purdue University
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11:45 - 12:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Community Room</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Virtual Session - Dr. Katie Jenner</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Indiana Secretary of Education</i></p>			
	Session III			
12:40 - 1:25	<p>The Cohort Effect: Scaling Leadership in Rural School Districts</p> <p><i>Room 113</i></p> <p><i>Ann Marie Dickson, M.Ed., ABJ Consultants, LLC</i></p>	<p>Leveraging IAESC Procurement to Stretch Dollars in Rural Schools</p> <p><i>Room 123</i></p> <p><i>Brent Minton, Wilson Education Service Center</i></p>	<p>Strengthening Evaluation Leadership: Building Inter-Rater Reliability to Improve Instruction, Trust, and Equity</p> <p><i>Room 233</i></p> <p><i>Steve Wittenauer, Administrator Assistance</i></p>	<p>Building Collective Efficacy and Boosting Student Achievement through Partnership with WVEC</p> <p><i>Room 233</i></p> <p><i>Melissa Gill, Wabash Valley Education Center</i></p>
	Session IV			
1:30 - 2:15	<p>A Blueprint for Success: 10 Essential Questions for Guiding Your District's Virtual Learning Journey</p> <p><i>Room 113</i></p> <p><i>Amy Jones, Indiana Online/Central Indiana Education Service Center</i></p>	<p>Community Engagement that Works: Sustainable School and Community Partnerships in Rural Education</p> <p><i>Room 123</i></p> <p><i>Brittne D. Paramore, Purdue University - College of Education</i></p>	<p>Transforming Middle Grades: How Early Career Connection Drives Engagement, Readiness, and Student Well-being</p> <p><i>Room 233</i></p> <p><i>Lindsey Lovern, East Central Educational Service Center</i></p>	<p>Small School Approach to College & Career Pathways & Work-Based Learning</p> <p><i>Room 239</i></p> <p><i>David Retherford, Madison-Grant Junior/Senior High School</i></p>
2:20 - 3:20	School Referendums: What Educators Need to Know			