



# SREB | School Improvement

## Making Schools Work Conference

Nashville, TN • July 14-17, 2026

### About the Conference

The Southern Regional Education Board's **Making Schools Work Conference** is the nation's premier education conference for K-12 educators like you to share your strategies, struggles and successes. Each year, the conference offers hundreds of sessions on topics ranging from literacy, math and science to practical strategies for addressing unfinished learning and advancing equity, classroom behavioral management, quality career pathways and much more.

Thousands of teachers and school and district leaders have been attending the conference and implementing Making Schools Work's transformational school improvement practices for more than 30 years.

### Why Should You Attend?

Attendees will gain powerful insights into reaching each student and adopting new instructional strategies in their schools and classrooms. Most sessions are led by real educators who share research-based, classroom-tested tools and strategies you can use right away to spark student engagement and achievement. Teachers and leaders leave our conference reenergized and excited to share their learning with students and colleagues.



Attendees will:

- Identify ways to motivate students and help them make the connection between success in the classroom and their career and college options
- Create caring school cultures that support the emotional health and well-being of students and staff
- Network with other educators
- Learn promising practices from peers and thought leaders
- Explore how to use data to make informed decisions
- Learn how to build stronger school teams
- Attract, prepare and retain highly skilled teachers and leaders

Registration includes admission to all conference sessions and the Education Marketplace, daily coffee and refreshment breaks, and hot lunches on Wednesday and Thursday.





## Here's What Past Attendees Said About the Making Schools Work Conference

Great content,  
great  
presenters, and  
the SREB staff is  
super great.



The sessions  
were excellent.

I really enjoyed  
the motivational  
speakers.

Even a veteran  
teacher like  
myself can be  
motivated by  
such quality of  
presentations.

The conference has  
been one of the best  
that I have ever  
attended.

**Need your principal or district leader's approval?** Download our [sample letter](#) that offers persuasive arguments for attending.

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